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Fire in Barn Bathroom

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News Writer

Last Saturday, October 4, Hamilton College Campus Safety and the Clinton Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Beinecke Activities Village. The alarm, which went off at 10:47 p.m., was in response to smoke coming from the men's bathroom located just off the Fillius Events Barn.

Within a minute after having received notice of the alarm, Campus Safety answered a phone call from Karan Bhardwah '10, confirming the fire. He and Abdelwahab Abdelghany '10, both members of the Beinecke Staff, had been in the computer area of Beinecke when the alarm sounded.

As they walked through Beinecke to ensure that everyone had left the building, they noticed smoke coming out of the men's bathroom at the bottom of the stairs. According to Abdelghany, "We saw a lot of smoke and found the soap dispenser on fire with flames on the wall." He then noticed paper in flames on the ground, which he deemed to be the source of the fire that ignited everything else.

While Campus Safety and the Clinton Fire Department made their way to the scene, the two students tried to control the fire as best they could. To extinguish the flames, Abdelghany threw his bottle of water on the fire while Bhardwah used a bowl of punch left over from an earlier event.

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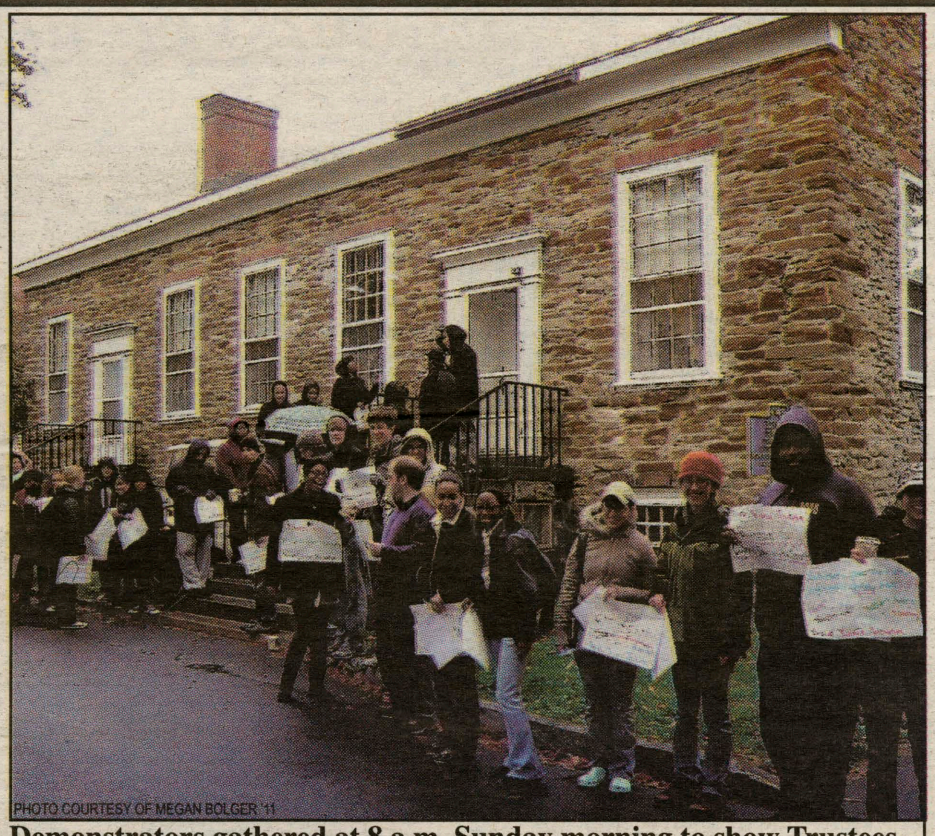

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Demonstrators gathered at 8 a.m. Sunday morning to show Trustees their support for the proposed Cultural Education Center.

SJI Demonstrates for CEC

by Haley Riemer-Peltz '12
NEWS WRITER

At 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, a group of 38 students loosely affiliated with the Social Justice Initiative (SJI), a student organization dedicated to increasing awareness of diversity, gathered in the rain outside of Buttrick Hall to await the arrival of Board of Trustee members.

The rallying students sought to bring the Board's attention to one of SJI's biggest projects: a Cultural Education Center on campus which would take the form of a building.

"We gathered to greet the Trustees as they were going into the building and presented them with information and a petition signed by nearly 400 students, and then built a 'cultural education center' out of cardboard boxes outside," recounted SJI member Amy Tannenbaum '09. "When Trustees left the building they saw our Center, and were able to ask us more questions and articulate if they wanted or needed any more research from us."

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Solar Panels Stolen from Glen House

by Scott Bixby '11
News Editor

Efforts to make Hamilton part of the "green revolution" hit a snag recently when eight solar panels worth over $8,000 were stolen from behind the Glen House on Wednesday September 24. Installation of the panels was due to be completed the next day. The theft occurred Wednesday night after 12 of the 198W Sharp Solar Modules had already been installed on the roof of the Glen House.

Director of Adventure Programs Andrew Jillings, who had been hoping that the Glen House, which is home to Hamilton's Outdoor Leadership Center, the Outing Club, the Alpine Ski Team and Bike Co-op, would be operating with solar energy by now, was saddened by the theft. "The whole system can't work yet [without the missing panels]," said Jillings. "We should be running on solar, but we're not. All this sunshine is wasted at this point."

Although some students were outside the Glen House the evening of the theft, an e-mail sent out to HEAG members by Jillings yielded few clues as to the identity of the thief or thieves. "Nobody saw anything. From what I hear, they're a hot item. Because of the energy crunch, people have been stealing them from right off roofs in California."

The Glen House was seen by many as the perfect existing building on which to place the solar panels. Originally a painting studio for Edward Root, a professor and a member

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ISC Endorses New Frat

by Scott Bixby '11
News Editor

Hamilton College may soon be gaining its first new nationally recognized fraternities in years; over forty students successfully lobbied the Inter-Society Council, the governing body for Greek organizations on campus, for endorsement of a new organization, international fraternity Delta Chi.

The fraternity, which currently has 127 chapters at colleges across North America and is expanding further, would be the first new fraternity since the Hamilton chapter of Lambda Upsilon Lambda became active in 2005.

Votes were cast by the presidents of all fraternities and sororities on campus. According to members of the ISC who preferred to remain anonymous, the final tally came in at 16-2 in favor of endorsing the new fraternity. This is a departure from the last endorsement proceedings for a Greek organization; when Sigma Lambda Upsilon was endorsed, a simple poll of Greek society presidents was taken. Although the ballots were kept a secret, members of the two dissenting organizations anonymously reported that the two votes against endorsement were from Alpha Theta Chi and Delta Upsilon.

The members of Delta Chi elected to speak on the endorsement and possible charter as an organization rather than as individual prospective members. This endorsement by the ISC does not guarantee the formation of a Hamilton chapter of Delta Chi. "Getting the ISC endorsement was a great start," said one prospective member. "But now we have to present ourselves in front of Dean [of Students Nancy] Thompson and President [Joan Hinde] Stewart in order to become an active chapter."

Hamilton currently has ten fraternal organizations on campus. The original idea for bringing a new one was

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Zipcars Zip onto the Hill

by Kara Labs '09
News Editor

One week from today, on October 17, Hamilton will institute a new program on campus called Zipcar. In an effort to go more environmentally friendly, the college entered into a partnership with Zipcar, which will allow students, faculty, staff as well as

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PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

The Hamilton Zipcars: a blue Honda CRV and a gold Toyota Matrix.

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Bathroom Fire: Possible Arson?

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and Clinton Volunteer Firefighter Ed Ajaeb '11 happened to be driving into the Mail Center parking lot when he heard the alarm sound. As soon as he realized that the alarm was indeed in response to real fire, he changed into the firefighter gear stored in the trunk of his car.

He then accompanied the recently arrived Campus Safety to the scene of the fire. Although they found that the fire had already been extinguished by the two Beinecke staff members, Mr. Ajaeb deployed the fire extinguisher to insure that the flames were truly dead.

Soon after, five or six members of the Clinton Fire Department arrived and, upon seeing the heavy smoke, immediately called for backup. They then axed through the wall behind the area that was in flames in order to determine if the fire had spread behind the walls or to another part of Beinecke.

Once the Fire Department determined that the fire had not spread and that the area was safe, Campus Safety worked to clean up debris and roped off the area with caution tape. Francis Manfredo, director of Campus Safety, stated that the fire had "caused quite a bit of damage to the bathroom."

At Hamilton, fire alarms are usually false alarms, caused by pranks or harmless accidents. This fire, however, was a rarity for its relative seriousness and the damage that it caused. This is why Manfredo called it "the first actual fire incident of the semester."

While Abdelghany thought that the flaming paper on the ground was reason enough to say that "it was definitely done on purpose," Manfredo was hesitant in declaring the cause of the fire. He said, "I can only say that it's under investigation." He then admitted that the general feeling leaned towards an "incendiary" cause.

He was, however, eager to praise the people involved in securing the safety of the building, saying that, "the Clinton Fire Department and Campus Safety handled the situation in an extremely professional manner."

Student Assembly Talks Endorsements, Zipcars

by Amanda Jordan '10
Student Assembly Correspondent

On October 6, 2008, the Student Assembly unanimously passed a resolution concerning *The Spectator*. This resolution was drafted by the Student Assembly President, Stephen Okin, and then edited by the entire Assembly at Monday night's meeting before being passed. The conclusion of the resolution states: "The Student Assembly supports the idea of *The Spectator* endorsing a ticket for Student Assembly President/Vice-President contingent upon the following: open dialogue between the Assembly and *The Spectator* during the process and that endorsements not be made for class-year elections."

Additionally, Trustee Committee Representatives reported on the committee meetings they attended during Alumni Weekend. Some of the issues the alumni, current students and others discussed included: the new academic calendar, zip cars, renovations, and admissions. The new calendar, with classes starting on a Thursday instead of a Monday, was considered very successful. As for the Zip Cars they will be available by the end of this semester. Students must be 18 years or older and have a clean driving record to rent one of the two zip cars that will be on campus.

The Grounds and Equipment Committee discussed that an architect from Boston has been contacted for the ELS renovation and the renovation of Minor Theatre into an art gallery. Additionally, honorary degree recipients and commencement speakers were decided for the Class of 2009 at one of the committee meetings. If any students have suggestions for commencement speakers or honorary degree recipients for the Class of 2010, Student Assembly encourages you to contact wli@hamilton.edu.

The Admissions Committee stated that there is no more need-blind aid, and financial aid currently costs around $2.8 million each year. The committee also discussed the fact that there are too many students currently on campus since the target is set at 460 students per class year. Goals of the committee include increasing the number of applications, improving the admissions process and overall becoming a more selective school.

The Strategic Planning Committee would like to try to make Hamilton more welcoming to students from community colleges. In addition, they would like to invest in the local community in order to make the area more welcoming for all students. The Development Committee is continuing its efforts to raise money through alumni. $53 million was raised last year through alumni, while the goal for this year is set at $60 million.

Student Assembly also reported on funding at the meeting. The Assembly unanimously approved $757.12 to be allocated this week to several organizations with roughly $51,000 left in funding for this semester. There were also several other announcements made at the meeting such as the success of the International Bazaar this past Saturday, with a better turnout than last year. Also, State Radio will be coming on October 23 in order to benefit STAND. Fall Fest will be held on October 26, and the Student Assembly encourages all those interested in performing to email mcaudle@hamilton.edu. Lastly, due to Fall Break there will be no Student Assembly meeting on Monday, October 13. The next meeting will be held on the Monday following break.

New Zipcars Debut for Student Use

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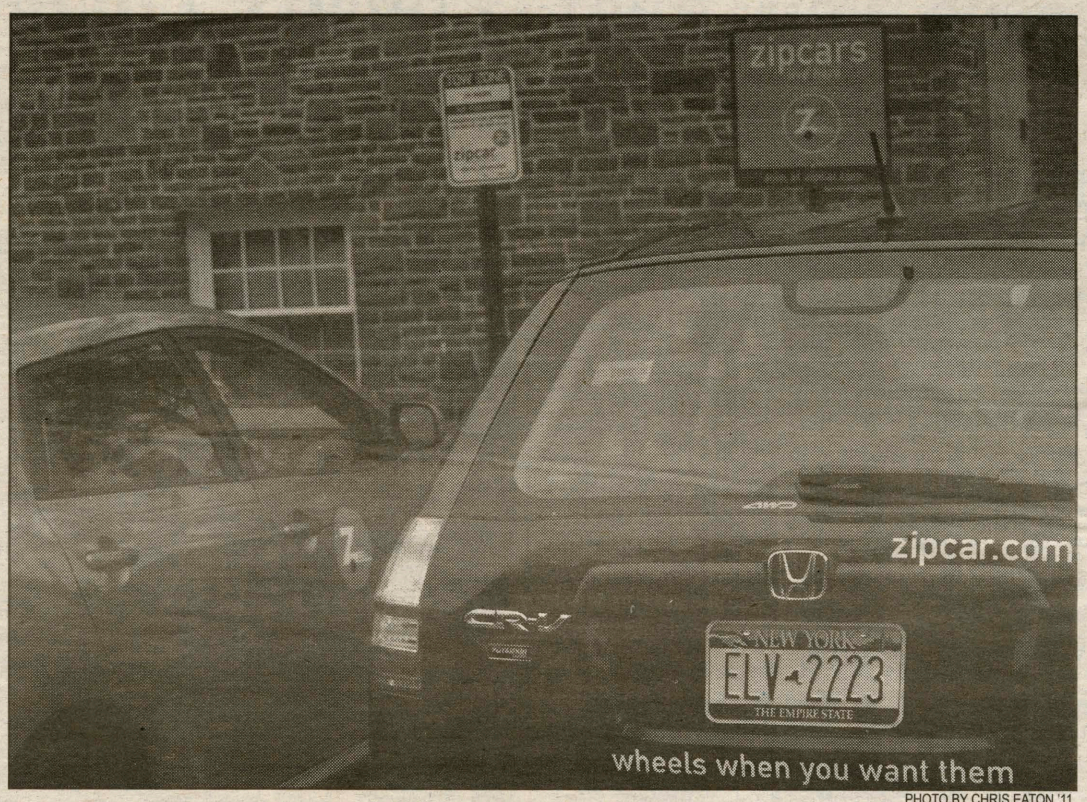
members of the Clinton community to have an alternative transportation option.

The two cars, a gold Toyota Matrix and a blue Honda CRV, arrived on campus this past Tuesday. They will be located in the Dunham parking lot, available for 24-hour use every day of the year. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson explained, "Hamilton guarantees Zipcar $3,100 per month for our two vehicles, a Toyota Matrix and Honda CR-V.

This cost would be covered at about a 50 percent per month utilization rate. In other words, if the cars are rented on average 12 hours each day per month, the cost is covered." In order to rent one of these cars, drivers must be 18 years or older with a clean driving record. Members of the Hamilton community can sign up for the program online at www.zipcar.com/hamilton.

Thompson was the driving force behind the initiative, "I first heard about it from one of our trustees, and Steve Bellona and Monica Inzer were aware of the program in Boston. We did some research and learned about the Zipcar university program late last spring and began working in earnest with Zipcar to launch our own program beginning this summer. Launching the program has been a team effort between Zipcar and lots of folks on campus, including the Dean of Students Office, Physical Plant, Campus Safety and the Communications Office," commented Thompson.



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Hamilton's new "buff" and blue Zipcars will be parked in the Dunham parking lot available for the Hamilton community to use.

Included in the fee to rent a car is insurance, gas, maintenance and parking reservations. In order to become a member of Zipcar, which currently has 225,000 members in North America and London, members of the Hamilton community must register online through the Zipcar website for an initial membership fee of $35. From then on, members are able to have access to the cars starting at $8.50 per hour and $65 per day.

Members of the Clinton community must be 21 years old or older with a clean record and valid driver's license. They will have an initial start-up fee of $75. With the start-up fee all members will have access to the more than 5,500 cars in the Zipcar network.

Even though the cars will be parked outside the campus safety offices, the Office of Campus Safety will not play a large role in the distribution or upkeep of the cars. Director of Campus Safety Fran Manfredo thinks the program is very positive for the Hamilton campus saying, "It offers an opportunity for [members of the Hamilton community] who have no other means of transportation."

Furthermore he went on to state that he does not anticipate any foreseeable problems with the program in the future. "This campus has some of the brightest students and I hope they will make decisions that reflect [their capabilities]."

In order to use the cars, members of the Hamilton community will be able swipe their cards over the driver's side door and the keys will be in the car. Zipcar was the best choice for Hamilton based on its previous record with other colleges across the county rating it number one in car rental services. Including Hamilton, Zipcar announced new partnerships with 20 new colleges and universities this fall, including: Colby College, Syracuse University and Dartmouth College.

Since Hamilton is striving to become more environmentally friendly with a focus on sustainability, Zipcar is just another step toward this goal. Also, the program provides a convenient and affordable way for students who are unable to bring a car to school. Compared to owning a car, Zipcar saves members $600 per month or $7,200 per year, on average.

Glen House Theft

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the Root family, the Glen House was designed to have the back balcony facing the afternoon sun without being blocked by trees. This was considered prime placement for catching sunlight to be used for solar energy, and was the main reason why panels were installed. According to Jillings, "It's really the perfect sun-catcher, and the building itself is perfect as well."

The stolen panels were most likely taken by more than one person, given the sheer size and weight of the panels. Almost the size of a Commons tabletop, each one of the nearly $1,000 panels weighs in at over 80 pounds.

"You don't just put it under your arm and run for it," said Jillings.

The installation of the panels was in conjunction with similar fitting of solar panels and wind turbines to the roof of the new Kirner-Johnson Building extension. The building was also outfitted with a reader that shows the building's overall energy usage, and whether the building is using that energy from the solar panels or from the grid. Until new panels are imported from Germany, however, the panels currently installed will not be collecting any energy.

"We are obviously very disappointed that this happened. The panels will be of no use to anyone with out the necessary inverters that are needed to allow the system to operate," said Associate Director of Physical Plant Bill Huggins, who worked with the contractors who installed the panels.

Solar energy is becoming more and more popular among American homeowners and businesses during a time when gas prices are rising, and energy bills along with them. However, their growth in popularity has lead to a greater demand than companies can supply. Police departments across the Southwest are seeing a rise in panel thefts, with many of the stolen solar panels being auctioned off on websites like ebay or craigslist. Searches for panels matching Hamilton's missing panels, however, have come up empty-handed.

In nations in the Middle East or Europe, where the solar industry has become a major part of energy production, such thefts are booming. Measures like alarm systems for panels on roofs have become standard in such places.

However, the panels stolen from behind the Glen House had yet to be installed on the roof, and had been sitting outside since early July. According to Huggins, "The contractor elected to leave them out front, really no different then any other project."

The company that installed the solar panels, Solar Design Associates, has offered a $1,000 reward for any information leading to their safe return. If you have any information regarding the missing solar panels, please call 978-456-6855, ext. 19.

Faculty Meeting

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Senior Editor

At their most recent meeting, the faculty unanimously voted to officially change women's studies and Africana studies to departments instead of programs. The faculty decided that because the disciplines both have three tenure-track positions and both operate as departments do, based on the standards in the faculty handbook, they should be named as such. The Committee on Academic Policy, a faculty committee, brought the motion to the meeting. No alterations will be made to curricula, resources or personnel.

"This change just brings our designation in the Faculty Handbook in line with our practice. Nothing else has changed," said Professor of Classics and Africana Studies Shelly Halley, who serves as the chair of the Africana Studies Department.

Senior Gift Announced: Memorial Service Scholarship

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

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Seniors and members of the Hamilton community gathered in the Science Center's Wellin Atrium to celebrate the senior gift announcemnet.

Last Friday evening, as a crowd of alumni, old and new, flooded the campus for Fall-coming Weekend, the class of 2009 kicked off the Senior Gift Campaign with a special event in the Science Center's Wellin Atrium. After an extremely close vote, Senior Gift Committee Co-chairs Stuart Lombardi '09 and Stephanie Ryder '09 announced The Class of 2009 Community Service Memorial Prize Scholarship as the winning idea.

The large turnout of students, faculty and alumni, including President Joan Hinde Stewart and keynote speaker Trustee George Baker '74, demonstrated the support of the Senior Gift tradition by the College and alumnae.

This year's gift is unique to the Class of 2009 because it is in memory of former classmate Andrew Sheridan '09, who passed away unexpectedly during his sophomore year. The Memorial Scholarship will be developed in Sheridan's honor as a testament to his dedication to community service.

Committee co-chair Ryder was pleased with the positive energy that filled the atrium last Friday. "Several students approached me after the announcement to tell me how proud they were of our class for choosing such as honorable gift," Ryder said. "The gift is important because it will permanently offer financial support for students actively involved with community service."

Both Ryder and Lombardi hope that the energy at the kickoff foreshadows a high participation rate for the Class of 2009. Last year, the Class of 2008 achieved 95.9 percent participation, and this year the goal is 100 percent participation.

Vice President for Communication and Development Dick Tantillo was very optimistic about participation for this year. Participation in the gift campaign gives seniors a special way to give back to an institution that has given them so much over the past four years. "Hamilton is a life-sentence," Tantillo, often says, "It never leaves us."

Both Ryder and Lombardi echoed the sentiments of many within the alumni office involved in the process. By contributing to the Senior Gift, the Class of 2009 can ensure that they too leave Hamilton with something in return.

"The Hamilton of today is the College's gift to us," Lombardi said at the kickoff, "And so the Hamilton of tomorrow—that will be our gift to the College." The Class of 2009's Community Service Memorial Prize Scholarship will now become a permanent part of Hamilton's tomorrow.

As the campaign begins to take shape over the course of the school year, both Lombardi and Ryder hope that the senior class takes the opportunity to contribute to the gift. The more participation, the more valuable the gift will be in the future. 100 percent dedication from the Class of 2009 will lead to their ability to leave a lasting and meaningful mark on their alma mater.

Demonstrators Picket Outside Trustee Meeting

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The organization has existed on Hamilton campus for over a year and a half and, according to SJI members, arose out of a need to the changing student demographic. Last spring, members of SJI spoke in front of the Board in order to present a proposal for a Cultural Education Center. The students were told to do more research and show more student support.

"SJI is a horizontally-structured organization. There is no hierarchy -- we're very transparent," commented SJI member Geoff Hicks '09. "We're not a student organization, we're just a group for listening and trying to foster a community on campus. SJI emphasizes the importance of kids feeling like they have an impact and are able to make change."

The protest was designed to show the Board that SJI listened to their questions and concerns from the last meeting. "We did more research on both Hamilton and its history, and the effects of cultural education centers at peer institutions," said Tannenbaum. "We feel that we have risen to the challenges presented to us by the administration and the Board, and we wanted to show them the hard work that has gone into our proposal."

SJI proposed three demands to the Board regarding the need for a Cultural Education Center on campus. The first demand is for a building that would house the programs offered by the center. Another is the creation of an administrative post to monitor the activities of the building, and promote the programs housed within it. The last demand is for a reform in cultural education on campus.

"The Cultural Education Center would allow for open dialog and communication, lectures, maybe classes in foreign language and international studies," stated Hicks. "There would be an archival space inside the building for plaques of achievement and banners of the college's relationship with diversity."

Although SJI members contend that a building would offer a "permanent solution" to the perceived problems on campus with diversity, they acknowledge that it would take time. "Ultimately, it's not about a physical building; it's about the need for change and awareness on campus," says Hicks.

In a campus-wide e-mail President Joan Hinde Stewart wrote "Chairman A.G. Lafley told the students that he is strongly committed to inclusiveness and that their ideas will be considered as the strategic planning process moves forward. Board members commented on the politeness and demeanor of the students."

Dean Joseph Urgo also mentioned that the likely next step in the possible creation of a Cultural Education Center would be the creation of a special working taskforce to look into the possibility. It is the normal protocol of the Strategic Planning Committee to move to taskforce for further investigation once they have figured out important topics to be evaluated.

When *The Spectator* spoke with freshman Kate Adams, unaffiliated with SJI, she shared a common sentiment among most of the student body: "Although there is some awareness on campus about the Board of Trustees meeting and the issues discussed, I think there is a lot of indifference among the student body." Certainly the debate over the SJI and Cultural Education Center is growing and this weekend shined more light onto the issue.

Hamilton to Host Open House Weekend

by Hali Baumstein '11
News Writer

In recent years, Hamilton has hosted an Open House for prospective students over Columbus Day Weekend. The three-day weekend has always been a popular time for high school seniors to pay their final visits to schools before deciding where to apply. Hamilton will be holding an event this year like always, but the Admissions Office has decided to change the format up a bit.

Past Open Houses have included information sessions about various programs and aspects of life on the Hill in addition to campus tours and special lunches. However, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer describes those Open Houses as "not very personal" for the attendees because of a lack of one-on-one meetings. "Many people ask[ed] to do interviews, but we couldn't schedule them because the staff was too busy running the day's events," she said.

Doing an interview not only allows prospective students to get a better feel for the school, but also gives admissions officers better insight into potential applicants. This insight helps when it becomes time to make final admissions decisions. Additionally, Inzer points to data which reveals that prospective students who have interviews are more likely to apply to Hamilton than those who simply attend an Open House.

In order to remedy the impersonality problem and increase number of applicants, the admissions office has decided to add more interviewing slots during Open House weekend October 11 - 13 rather than hosting a formal event. "We've doubled the slots on Saturday and Monday," said Inzer. "We're also interviewing diversity students on Sunday."

Even though this year's Open House will focus on interviews rather than big events, Inzer said that there will still be a "high energy, party-like atmosphere" on campus. "Lots of families will be on campus this weekend," she said. She mentions that lots of student tour guides and interns will be involved in running the event in addition to admissions staff.

But just because admission has decided to run things differently this year doesn't mean that the change is permanent. "This year's Open House is an experiment," said Inzer. "We decided to try this format this year to see if it would work. If it doesn't, we'll go back to the old format next year."

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Delta Chi: New Fraternity?

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credited to Ricky Bottini '10, although according to Bottini, each prospective member adds his own perspectives in shaping this possible extension.

"We chose Delta Chi because it has a longstanding reputation of excellence, not just in success of expansions but as a social organization in general" stated Delta Chi. "It also has over 100,000 members in the alumni network."

According to the group, the potential fraternity has already become unified around the idea. "All of us come from diverse backgrounds; we represent tons of sports teams and student organizations, so there's not really a 'type' of guy trying to make this happen. We want to strengthen the Greek community as a whole," a prospective member stated. "We've all become really close since the idea started, which is great."

"We've also already found a charitable cause," said Delta Chi. "We've raised a ton of money for Relay for Life, and we're still raising more."

The preparation for presenting this fraternity to Student Activities Director Lisa Magnarelli '96 and the ISC was, in one Delta Chi supporter's words, "extensive."

"We had to first build an interest group, a group of guys who wanted to help this new chapter get off the ground at Hamilton. Then we had to get support from National, which required a lot of interfacing with them. We had to then go to [Student Activities Director] Lisa Magnerelli '96, and meet with the ISC for endorsement."

The group also raised over $23,000 in what they called a "joint effort" to support the potential fraternity as it begins on campus. The national fraternity, however, has also pledged to invest tens of thousands more to ensure the longevity and success of the expansion chapter.

If confirmed by Thompson and Stewart, the organization still faces at least a year of probation before becoming a fully-fledged chapter. A representative from National would be on campus for at least the first two months of the fraternity's chartered status, and would visit twice a year beyond that for three more years to, in the words of one prospective member, "ensure the brotherhood is going to live past its founding fathers." The student was quick to mention that 19 of the past 20 expansions of Delta Chi have been successful at colleges across the country.

BLSU Emerges Once Again

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

Recently the Black Student Union (BSU) and La Vanguardia (LV) merged cohesively together and presented themselves as one group, the Black and Latino Student Union. These two groups were joined as one many years back, but the reason for the split was unclear.

Byron Johnson '09, previously the president of BSU and now a co-president of BLSU, with Stephanie Tafur '10, was confident about the merge. Tafur was previously president of LV. "On any note, we decided to merge because we felt it would unify the students of both organizations, fostering the philanthropy of both organizations. BLSU, before it was even called that some years ago, went through many changes. The purpose of the organization was to educate one another. Black students would learn from the Latino students and vice versa."

He discussed an optimistic direction that the union should move in. "Furthermore, we could work as one organization to educate the campus about our culture among many other things. By remaining as two separate organizations, it further divides two cultures that may appear different, but are ultimately similar."

BLSU is currently sponsoring an ongoing clothing drive in the ALCC basement, a drop-off area for clothing. They are also sponsoring an upcoming screening and discussion with James Spooner, director and creator of AfroPunk. This event will be held in the Events Barn on Friday, October 20, from 6 to 11 p.m.

They will be screening Spooner's new movie White Lies, Black Sheep, about a musician who becomes educated about race while hanging around the white New York rock scene.

Alumni Weekend Wrap-up

by Lily Gillespie '12
News Writer

With a somewhat chilly, but lovely fall weekend to welcome them, the Hamilton Board of Trustees visited campus for a series of meetings over Fallcoming Weekend. The meetings were well attended, with 43 trustees on campus. On the docket for discussion were updates on the first-year class, the orientation process, new building plans, admissions and how the recent events in the economy will affect Hamilton.

There was significant focus on the strategic plan, which was also addressed by faculty and students in a plenary session. As well, the meetings marked the beginning of the office of both a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. According to Meredith Harper Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, "Chairman A.G. Lafley and Vice Chairman Jeff Little were received warmly and enthusiastically," marking a smooth transition for both into their new roles.

The trustees also attended several events involving students, including the Comstock Luncheon on Friday to honor scholarship recipients and those who have created the scholarships from which many Hamilton students have benfitted. On Saturday, trustees mingled with students at Buttrick Hall where members of the Social Justice Initiative presented members of the board with a petition to build a new cultural education center. The weekend was looked upon by the Alumni Office as successful, filled with meetings and social events. The board was able to accomplish a great deal in their time here on campus.

Many students attended the Comstock Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, October 3 where scholarship recipients were given the chance to meet their donor. Kristin Webster '09, who attended the luncheon was personally very pleased. "What's great about the Comstock Luncheon is that it makes your scholarship more personal; it gives you the chance to put a face to your donor. Students are able to meet and personally thank their donors and the donors are better able to directly appreciate the impact they have on the students. I was able to tell my donor about my wonderful study abroad experience and see the smile on her face as I thanked her for helping to make that experience, along with the rest of my semesters at Hamilton, financially possible."

In addition to the trustees, Hamilton had visitors from 48 past classes, 1940-2008, on campus this weekend. In total, 75 alums were officially registered for various events. Many of the alumni were involved in the Alumni Council meetings, both in sub-committees such as Nominations, Graduates of the Last Decade, Class Leadership, and so on which met Friday, followed by a meeting of the Alumni Council as a whole on Saturday.

Many of the alumni who visited attended the first home football game of the season and were well represented in the stands at Saturday's game against Trinity College.

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Passing the Baton

After six years of stellar leadership, the former Chairman of the Hamilton College Board officially passed the baton onto another. Stuart L. Scott '61 was on campus this weekend to be recognized for his work and to welcome the new Chairman, A.G. Lafley '69, along with George F. Little II '71 as Vice Chairman. Under Stuart Scott and Vice Chairman Chet Siuda '70, Hamilton College grew to new heights, completed an incredibly successful fundraising campaign and changed the face of the Hill with new buildings, better technology and a much needed face lift.

Mr. Lafley, the Chairman and CEO of Procter and Gamble, certainly knows the value of a Hamilton education, and we look forward to seeing how he can bring Hamilton to new heights. This weekend, Mr. Lafley's presence on campus made us feel like we were in great hands. From seeing his interaction with everyone at the Pub to sitting down with students in KJ and listening to their concerns, Mr. Lafley demonstrated his eagerness to better the college by listening to the student body.

At the Board meeting on Saturday, Mr. Scott was elected Chairman Emeritus, joining Chairmen Emeriti Mac Bristol '43 and Kevin Kennedy '70.

On a final note, Mr. Lafley was once an editor at *The Spectator* and wrote a few of these editorials himself! On behalf of the entire Hamilton student body, we wish him the very best of luck and thank Mr. Scott for a great run as Chairman of the Board.

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Fallcoming on the Hill

This weekend saw the return of many alumni to The Hill. Adding to the festive spirit of Fallcoming Weekend, a great number of these former students came out to support the football and women's soccer teams on Saturday.

The Hamilton athletics program is invaluable in the way that it brings people together, both on the field and off. Athletes form bonds with members of their team, but those who attend games also share a special connection. Anyone who has seen the Dog Pound at basketball games, heard a cowbell ringing at a downhill ski race, or felt the rumble of a Clinton fire truck leading a bus full of lax-ers back home knows how important and how powerful these moments can be in bringing our campus together.

From an Admissions standpoint, Hamilton has a unique sense of community that simply cannot be rivaled by enormous universities. Here, athletes aren't just celebrity figures, they're our friends. Unlike big Division I schools, the star of the basketball team might be your lab partner, and you probably have had a national champion living in your residence hall. The fact that you know two-thirds of the football team by name and can cheer them on as they annihilate Wesleyan is a big selling point for Hamilton, yet so many of us do not take the opportunity to support our friends and acquaintances in athletic contests.

Our student athletes work hard. They attend class, act as Resident Advisors, sing in a capella groups, volunteer, and, yes, even work for *The Spectator*. They deserve the support of the Hamilton community.

If you haven't yet attended a game on The Hill this season, check out page 23 for this weekend's home contests.

by Lindsay Getman '10
and Brandon Leibsohn '10
on behalf of *The Spectator*

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Reaching Across the Aisle: Friends and Roommates

Two Students Work at Opposing Party Conventions, Return to Share Their Experiences

by Allison Eck '12
Insights & Ideas Writer

Juniors Alex Duncan and Eli Leino are much more than good roommates: they are friends, lacrosse teammates, and are often seen hanging out together on campus. However, along with the common trials of dorm life, Duncan and Leino must also face the added challenges of divergent political affiliations. Despite this devotion to opposite ends of the political spectrum, Duncan and Leino get along splendidly. Duncan recently interned for the Democratic National Convention Committee, while Leino was a page at the Republican National Convention.

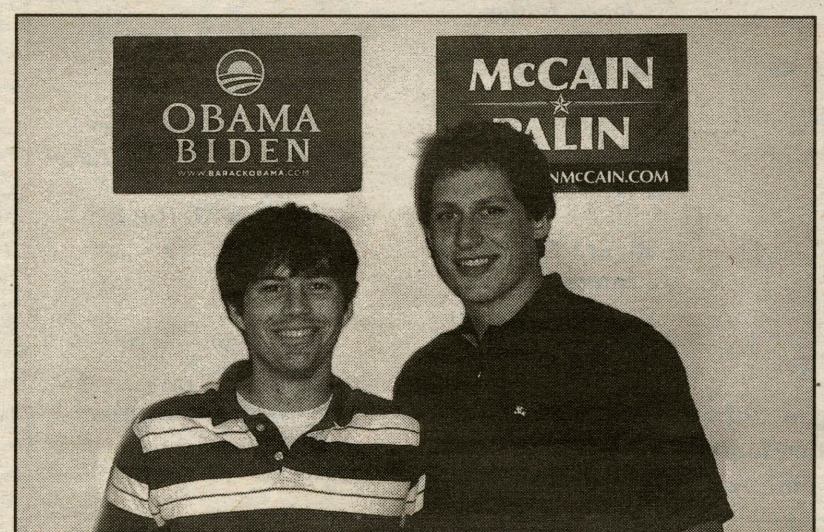

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATE TUMMARELLO '11

Alex Duncan (left) and Eli Leino (right) in their dorm room below the signs of their respective party tickets.

Leino is no stranger to the political scene. In high school he interned for his Congressional Representative, and last summer he interned for the New Hampshire Republican Party. This spring, a representative from the party contacted Leino and asked him if he wanted to apply for the selective RNC Page Program.

"I ended up being one of two pages from New Hampshire," Leino mentioned. "There were only 123 pages in the whole program."

Duncan's involvement arose from his roots in Denver, Colorado. When Duncan first discovered that his hometown was to be the host city for the Democratic National Convention, he said he caught a violent case of "convention fever." After the Convention came up in conversation with his father, Duncan jumped at the opportunity to volunteer –first during winter break, and continuing over the summer. He ended up working for the Democratic National Convention Committee, which is the committee that actually puts on the convention and oversees the volunteers that the Denver Host Committee recruits.

Leino arrived in Minnesota two days before the convention, and though he admits his stay was relatively brief, he took part in a number of activities. Along with convention-related tasks such as passing out signs and schedules to delegates while at the Excel Energy Arena, the pages also participated in a Mississippi River cleanup, and helped build homes for troops returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We were actually there for the dedication of one of the homes," Leino added. "It went to a disabled Iraq veteran and was a really special moment when he got the keys to his new house."

Duncan remarked that his contribution was much more behind-the-scenes.

"I was placed into the transportation department," he clarified. The department was responsible for the airport operations, transporting delegates around the city, parking, and ADA accessibility. General Motors donated 400 cars, some of which were assigned to high-ranking VIP's.

"As a department we trained over 1,000 volunteer drivers," Duncan said.

The friends discovered that though their experiences were unique, similar thoughts and thrills resonated in the descriptions of their trips.

"I got to meet one of the Kennedys," Duncan said. "That was really special, but when Jimmy Carter walked by I was star-struck."

Leino revealed that his floor pass gave him a chance for television appearances. "If a delegation looked thin, we'd fill some seats. Because of that, I got on TV when Palin was speaking, standing in the DC delegation."

Duncan and Leino noticed inherent differences in their experiences, but the logistics of the conventions were very similar. The coordination of these massive events is fairly non-partisan, and usually the differences appeared in candidate's speeches and the execution of certain procedures.

Leino, who witnessed more of the ceremonies, noted, "The Convention is a spectacle. The focus is on getting a message across while still trying to capture the nation's attention. It's almost like a sporting event – you have to follow a game plan."

"It was less about working with politicians for me; it was more logistical," Duncan commented. "Though I never met Senator Obama himself, I did meet Michelle. She is a very impressive person."

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Those at the Democratic Convention celebrate the promise of change from their nominee, Barack Obama.

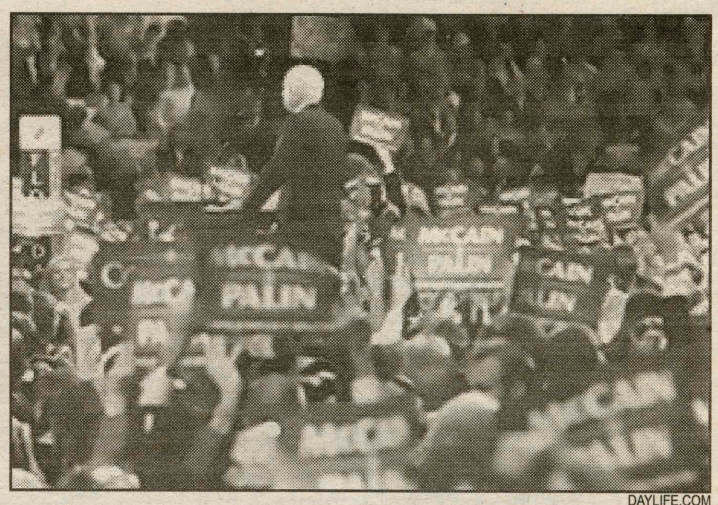
Duncan said that he would feel remiss if he did not cite Pat McMahon, a co-worker, for inspiring him daily. "Pat kept all of us going. He was like a brother to me."

Leino added, "I got to meet Mitt Romney, and Rudy Guiliani, as well as several other major GOP figures, and they all took the time to shake hands and talk to us."

Both students discussed the genuine kindness of the many politicians they met. "You always think of politicians as pretentious but really they're very friendly and charismatic," said Duncan. "Ironically, it seemed like the higher up on the bureaucratic hierarchy, the nicer these people were. The senators and governors were some of the coolest people there."

The overwhelming feeling of being a part of history encompassed both students' political recruitment. With every hour of work and hassle, there were myriad moments of excitement and enlightenment.

"I was sitting in the front of the stage, with the press corps when McCain gave his acceptance speech a mere 20 feet away from me," Leino reminisced. "It was one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences, especially the excitement of it all when thousands of balloons



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Republicans cheer on John McCain at the convention.

Cartoon by Joe Kazacos '10
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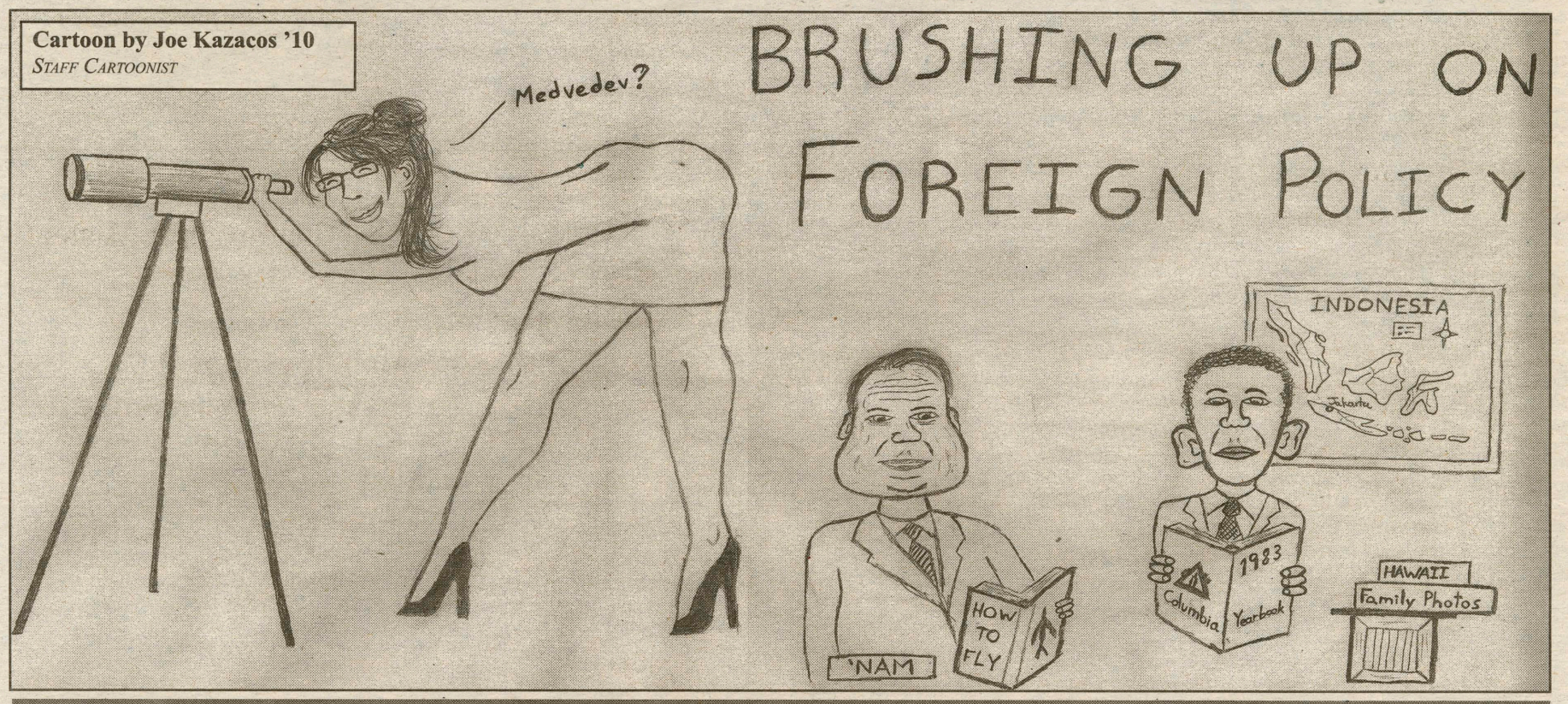

Commercializing College

by Corinne Bancroft '10
Insights & Ideas Contributor

The more time I spend at college, the more aware I become of Hamilton's identity crisis: are we a business or a community? While the office of finance and our tuition bills suggest it is a business, our website and our experience here attest to our status as a community. Staff (office assistants, receptionists, librarians, circulation staff, etc.) and lower level administrators bear the brunt of this identity conflict. They are excluded from the community side because of perceived business needs. We always have an obligation, especially in tough economic times like these, to support the most vulnerable members of our community. We can acknowledge the staff's membership in our community by guaranteeing cost of living raises without sacrificing Hamilton's integrity as a business.

Marginalization occurs in both the business and community spheres of Hamilton. Staff are not guaranteed cost-of-living raises, which means that individuals can effectively lose money from year to year because their income does not increase with the price of gas and food. Last spring, Vice President of Administration and Finance Karen Leach suggested that we cannot afford to guarantee cost of living wages and still offer decent merit wages. If this is the choice, we do not spend enough money on staff salaries. If we can afford to pay our professors competitively on a national scale, we should at least pay staff decently. The divide is bigger than one would think. When a professor making $80,000 gets a 3.5 percent raise, his/ her salary increases by $2,800. A staff member's salary of $25,000, on the other hand, would only increase by $875 with the same percentage raise. To make things more inequitable, professors tend to get larger percent raises, too.

To the extent that we do not include staff in our definition of a Hamilton Community we perpetuate the economic marginalization. Do you know the names of the office assistants in your department? Or the people behind the desk in the library? Have you thought about their experience at Hamilton? The forums in which staff people can voice their concerns about their experiences working at Hamilton are inadequate. Currently, Associate Dean of Faculty for Diversity Initiatives Steven Yao and the Staff Advisory Committee Staff serve this purpose, but are ineffective because they cannot make the necessary changes in wages or mediate the treatment of staff. Staff need a forum not only where their voice can be heard but where needs can be met with action.

Businesses thrive when their employees are invested in their work. Investment directly correlates to just treatment and compensation. Communities thrive when those with agency (either because our parents pay tuition or because of tenure) speak with and on behalf of those members silenced by the institution. Hamilton can and should be both: a business and a community.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

In the September 26th edition of *The Spectator*, the last page contains both an article on the women's soccer team as well as the men's golf team. Why is it then that the soccer team is labeled the "Lady Continentals" but the golf team is referred to as the "Continentals." I would appreciate it if the writers would describe to me what exactly a "Lady Continental" is. In my head I picture a 19th century traditional housewife with a musket in her hand. Or maybe these "Lady Continentals" are running around the pitch slide, tackling their opponents without spilling their afternoon tea. I would appreciate it if the Spectator refrained from using the phrase "Lady Continentals" and start referring to all teams as what they are: Continentals.

James Russell '09

Everyone has an opinion.

Share yours.

E-mail us at specii@hamilton.edu to write for Insights and Ideas.

Ask Mister Morals

Examines changing reputations and borrowing abandoned socks.

Upon entering college, my freshman year was filled with constant hookups of the less serious nature. However, as college women tend to do, a few became attached emotionally. As I was not looking for a girlfriend, I dealt with the situations pretty immaturely. Sophomore and junior year were less intense, but pretty much involved the same "hookup turned awkward" situations. Now I am a senior, and believe I have changed, but in this small school, my reputation as a "man-whore" precedes me. With less than a year left in this school, is it worth it to try and change people's minds, or just go out guns-a-blazin'?

I would strongly discourage you from hooking up with as many women as possible in order to prove to the campus that you just don't care. Such excess would not only hurt more girls' feelings, but demonstrate to everyone that four years of college has taught you very little about managing relationships and people's expectations. If you have truly changed, start acting like it.

While refraining from casual hookups is one way to demonstrate your transformation, it may not be enough, as you suggest in your question, to change your reputation before you graduate. If, however, you decide to actively change the opinions of other people, you might consider seeking out the women you have mistreated in the past and apologizing to them. Let them know that you were wrong to ignore them, wish you had handled the situation differently, and are now trying to mend your ways. If you don't wish to revisit those uncomfortable memories, then at the very least change your present behavior.

I'm a varsity athlete, and sometimes I forget to bring socks to practice. If I steal random ones from the box located outside the Equipment Manager's office, which is full of over one hundred unclaimed socks, does this make me a bad person or just someone tapping a previously wasted resource?

When I hear the phrase "tapping a previously wasted resource," I think of rugged souls like Daniel Day-Lewis in There Will Be Blood. While using a lost-and-found box as your personal sock drawer is certainly enterprising, I'm not sure it falls into the same category as oil drilling (although people might be more inclined to see your pilfering of socks as such if you if you beat them to death in your private bowling alley: plot spoiler!)

When I ran cross-country in high school, I got awful blisters from running whenever I forgot to bring socks to practice. No one should have to bear that discomfort. If you left your socks in your room and don't have time to retrieve them, then you may borrow from the communal box. However, you must wash them that night and return them to the box the next day so they can be claimed by their owner. However, simply relying on the box as a crutch whenever you forget to bring socks to practice, or as a tool to augment your sock collection, is unacceptable.

Mister Morals is a column devoted to helping resolve the ethical dilemmas of Hamilton students.

Do you have a dilemma for Mister Morals?

E-mail questions to Adam Vorchheimer at avorchhe@hamilton.edu.

All submissions will remain strictly confidential.

Thumbs up

Eric the sushi man: Your sexy neck tats make the ladies swoon and your spicy California roll makes *me* swoon.

Blackout at Bundy: DU brothers, if you continue to hunt in this area, game will become scarce.

Sarah Palin: VPILF

Pink and White Party: The best excuse to cup some boob and get away with it.

Sorry we can't fund your Cultural Education Center, SJI, we need that money to buy 200 lobsters for Pub Lunch.

For Alumni Weekend only, the Career Center offers classes on how to bag wealthy cougars.

Thumbs down

Flies in Commons: I guess it's appropriate since I feel like a rotting hippo carcass after I eat there.

Slow wireless internet: The novelty of being able to jerk off anywhere on campus is lost if I can't do it quickly.

Living downtown: Unfortunately, freshman girls are resistant to the forces of gravity.

It Burns When We Pee: Well, last time that happened to me I went to the Health Center and got ten days worth of antibiotics, but I didn't start a publication that sounded like my pissed off alcoholic grandfather.

Chain smokers outside of the library: Stop complaining about midterms. You'll have plenty of time to study when you're in the hospital dying of emphysema.

Who Cares?

Only one jitney running downtown on weekends: Picture the evacuation of Saigon, but instead of passing infants into helicopters, we were passing drunken freshmen onto frat boys' laps.

Spectator Science and Technology article declares alcohol the fifth most dangerous drug. In light of this new information I will do every drug listed below alcohol.

ATX/AD winning Pub Trivia: It's a lot easier to win when you have Steve Jobs on your team.

IM Sports Tee Shirts: Congratulations, you were officially the least hung over team on campus, wear it with pride.

*by Steve Allinger '09, Jason Brown '09, Anthony DelConte '10 & Matt Fellows '09**

*AND CAM GAYLORD '09

Humans vs. Zombies: Tales from the Winners

Game Over! The Humans Won An Epic Battle on Friday, October 3rd.

"As the week went on and both my mental and physical health began to deteriorate I was unable to discern whether I was living my life, or playing the game. My meals became irregular, my dreams violent, and my pulse frenzied as the constant wear of the paranoia and the chase took its toll. I found that I no longer feared death. I could go nowhere without planning my escape routes, phoning any contact I had for reconnaissance information, and looking around every corner. My sock bandolier/fanny pack slung lower across my chest. My combat jacket was torn, and my ankle was twisted. My mind was blank, and my head was spinning. I was the undead! Me! One of the few still desperately clinging to my 'humanity,' while the Horde was free to live their lives at ease, terrorizing and slaughtering at a whim—walking to class with a steady heart-rate. I am no human! I did not win! I lost so much this week; so much that I will never get back! This game has transformed me into the one thing that I sought to destroy…neither living, nor dead."

Dave Moroney '09

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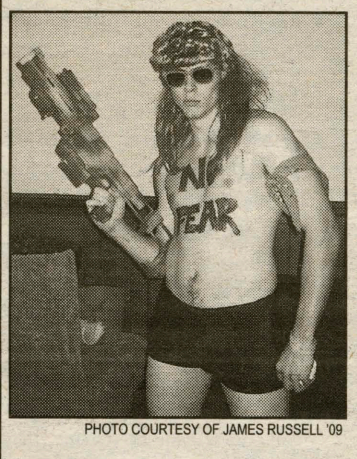

PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES RUSSELL '09

"SO yeah I made it, I survived and that's all that matters. All in all the game was Dank Applewagon*.
*phrase coined by Carnegie 308"
James Russell '09

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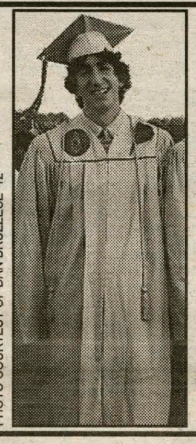
"The final mission of HvZ was amazing. The stand off in the squash courts and the final chase down Martin's Way were totally worth losing four pairs of socks."
Caitlyn Gollan '12



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"My life for that week was composed of awaking every single morning at the ungodly hour of 6, running for dear life to cross-country practice, making like a commando back to my room, finding my way to Commons in time to eat, then sprinting to the Science center where I would spend most of my day. Clearly this game is amazing."
Dan Bruzzese '12

"I was just tryna do like Wesley Snipes in Blade cuz you know ain't no undead mothaf$%kas f%#k wit dat mothaf#%ka."
Nick Perry '11

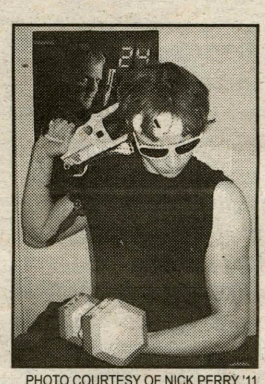


PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK PERRY '11

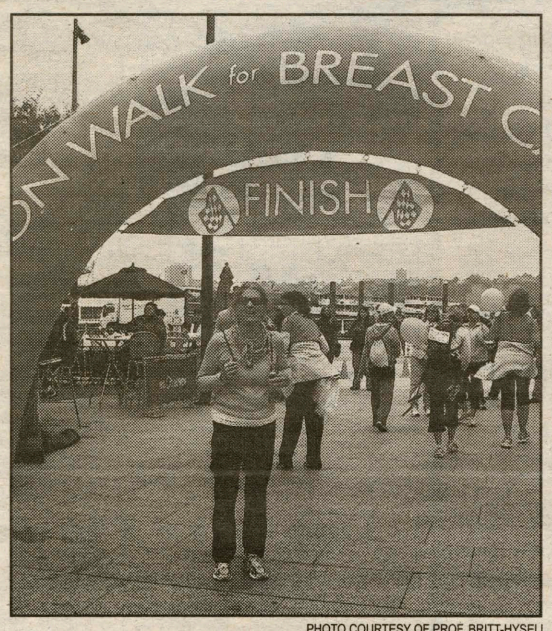
"After 149 hours of hiding in rooms, eating in fear, sprinting to and from classes, and slaying zombies....I got absolutely nothing. I guess it was fun. Nay, it was f#$king awesome."
Andrew Boddorff '10

Hamilton Community Takes a Stand Against Breast Cancer

By Alison Turka '12 and Nora Grenfell '12
Features Writers

All this week, members of various sororities have been selling baked goods and other items in Beinecke to raise money for the Breast Cancer Alliance, an organization that writes research grants. The money raised will directly fund breast cancer research with the fundraising event culminating in the "Pink and White Party" this Saturday in Bundy Dining Hall.

Having been a member of a Breast Cancer activism organization in high school, Amy Goldstein '11 felt it was essential to bring the effort to Hamilton and initiated the event. Aside from being the only breast cancer awareness event directly sponsored by a Hamilton organization, the Pink and White dance will be the first event in Hamilton College history hosted by all the sororities on campus. Goldstein is a member of Phi Beta Chi, but she felt that it was important to extend the event to encompass other women's groups, saying: "It's not just about my sorority. This disease doesn't affect one group of people." According to Amy, all the sororities were enthusiastic about getting involved and have been working hard towards this week's events. The collaboration of every sorority on campus is a first, and those involved hope that in the future more events will be cosponsored by various student organizations for great causes.



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Prof. Britt-Hysell has done the Avon Breast Cancer Walk for the past six years, raising about $15,000 in total.

In addition to the contributions of all seven sororities, Student Activities has helped to fun Saturday's dance. The Kirkland Endowment is reimbursing all the money spent on creating t-shirts so that 100 percent of profits will go directly to breast cancer research. The efforts in Beinecke have been educating as well as fundraising. Goldstein added, "As great as it is to raise money, you also need to raise awareness," said Goldstein. Information about self-checks and early detection is being distributed to the women on campus.

Surprisingly, planning for the dance only began a few weeks ago. "It's been crazy," said Goldstein, but the success of this dance will hopefully lead to additional events next year. "We want to make it annual, expand, maybe bring in a speaker next year. Breast cancer more than likely affects every person on this campus."

It is not just students getting involved with breast cancer awareness. Professor Barbara Britt-Hysell, Coordinator of the ESOL Program, went to New York City this past weekend and participated in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. It was a two-day event, from October 4 to 5, with over 4,500 people attending. The marathon is 26.2 miles on Saturday and 13.1 miles on Sunday. Professor Britt-Hysell has done this walk for the past six years, in memory of her sister. She got involved because, as she says, "Cancer becomes a personal issue, and you react." People attend the walk either by themselves or in teams, ranging from two to seventy five people, to support breast cancer awareness and to raise funds for hospitals and research.

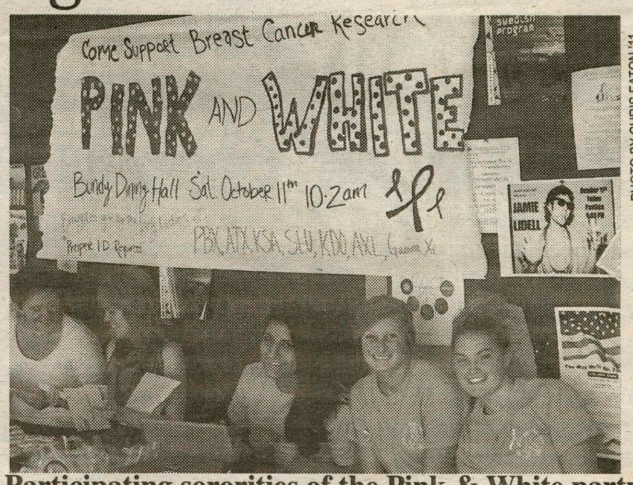

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Participating sororities of the Pink & White party sell t-shirts in Beinecke

While walking, Professor Britt-Hysell noticed that "the battleship Intrepid was docked at Pier 86 right next to Pier 84... so the whole visual context of standing next to a battleship with 4,500 people who were there to support a universal battle against breast cancer was just remarkable!" People come from all over the world to be a part of this event, and this year there were more men than ever.

In order to participate in the walk, each person must raise at least $1,800. Since she started, Professor Britt-Hysell has raised about $15,000 in total. The walk took place in nine different cities across the country this year, and the money raised in each city went to the hospitals and research foundations in those locations.

Worth Getting Off the Hill For: Sushi at Mitsuba

By Lily Gillespie '12
Features Writer

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Before I begin my review of the Japanese restaurant Mitsuba, let me preface this with the admission that I am no sushi connoisseur, so you will just have to take me at my word when I say that it is absolutely delicious. Located next to Marquee Cinemas in New Hartford, Mitsuba does require a Jitney ride or a quick trip in the car, but it is so worth it for the cheap, fast, and phenomenal food. I had the opportunity to sample some of their sushi and must say that I very much enjoyed my California roll. All of the sushi is prepared fresh, of course, and if you choose to sit at the counter you can watch the chef prepare each individual dish. Much of the fresh fish is also displayed behind a glass shelf on the counter and I had the pleasure of staring at some part of a small squid, suckers and all, although the majority of the fish was of the more traditional nature. The chefs prepare and assemble the sushi with careful precision and it is clear, particularly in the larger plates, that presentation is as much a part of the dish as is the taste. Sushi is considered by many to be a work of art, thus a simple presentation is appropriate and necessary.

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

I am clearly behind the times in that I have only recently become a fan of sushi so I can understand from personal experience why the idea of eating raw fish may not appeal to some. Mitsuba is a terrific option for beginner sushi eaters, as they also serve less fishy dishes. Chicken teriyaki, chicken tempura, and other main courses are available, but I highly suggest trying the sushi, especially the California roll, Boston roll, or smoked salmon roll, all of which are made with shrimp, crab, or cooked salmon.

The price also makes this a very worthwhile stop as it is very reasonable, and really, who has any money in college? My entire meal was under $10 and they have special prices for lunch every day except Sundays and holidays. The majority of the sushi is under $7, which certainly seems manageable. If it didn't break the bank for the high school couple also sitting at the counter, then I think Mitsuba is a very reasonable restaurant for a college student. Now, I know that we have free sushi here on The Hill, which is certainly praiseworthy, but sometimes an off-campus meal is necessary, as was the case for me after me six weeks of campus food. I myself cannot wait to go back to Mitsuba, and I recommend it to all of you. So, if you're in the mood to get off campus and have a delicious, exotic meal, please try Mitsuba, the newest place worth getting off The Hill for.

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Dinner: 4:30pm-10:00pm

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Dinner: 3:30pm-11:00pm

Sunday
Dinner: 1:00pm-9:30pm

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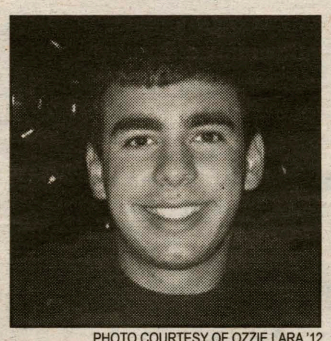
What time is it? Crab roll o'clock

FROM WHERE I SIT
HAMILTON'S INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Joining a Club: *Are You Cool?*

By Ozzie Lara '12
Features Writer



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Ozzie Lara '12 is an international student from Havana, Cuba.

Joining a club can be one of the best decisions any one can make while in college. In joining a club or a group of people, other college students may look upon you as "cool." Why do a vast majority of college students and teenagers join clubs? I cannot speak for all the teenagers in the world, but one thing that I have experienced is that clubs can help you make good friends who will stay friends even later in life.

Coming to the U.S. from Cuba as a child, I grew up with baseball, a sport that has shaped my life to be very socially active. Through baseball, I am experiencing a completely different social aspect of life because now I am a freshman. Here at Hamilton, I will be lucky enough to be able to play baseball in the upcoming spring and already I have made new friends who are members of the team. By being part of the baseball team, I have encountered many situations where my "cool" has influenced positively my social life at Hamilton. In many cases, it is just me getting to know students who are not on the baseball team but who are considered "cool," students that I can hang out with and have a good time with. Everyone knows that the upperclassmen are usually considered the "cooler" students, definitely not the freshmen! For that reason, being part of a club can especially help freshmen enjoy their social lives in college. Hamilton, known for its small learning community, makes it easier for individuals in clubs to be integrated in the college community. Apart from being one of the best schools in the country, this is why I chose Hamilton.

Being part of the baseball team has not only affected me socially but it also has had an impact on my academic life. For example, having to maintain respectable grades, fellow members of the team have offered to help the incoming freshmen like myself in the classroom. Since many of the upperclassman have already taken most of my classes, they have helped me adjust from a city public school to a prestigious private college.

Life does not end in college. It is good to make many friends and connections that you will be able to rely on later in life. Some of my friends might become lawyers, doctors, or CEOs, - who knows. In networking, I hope I can surround myself with many diverse, interesting individuals with whom I will stay in contact in the future. This is what I think makes students at Hamilton "cool." Being part of the baseball team has allowed me to meet fellow students who share common interests. For example, our love for other sports like football and basketball, or our enjoyment of similar foods. I would have never met these people if I had not been part of the baseball team.

There are plenty of reasons for everyone to join a club, - hey I did. I have a pretty balanced life here in college and I think it is mostly due to the great network of friends I have made so far through my baseball team. So, if you are feeling lonely or you are in the mood for making new friends, get out there and join a club, be "cool."

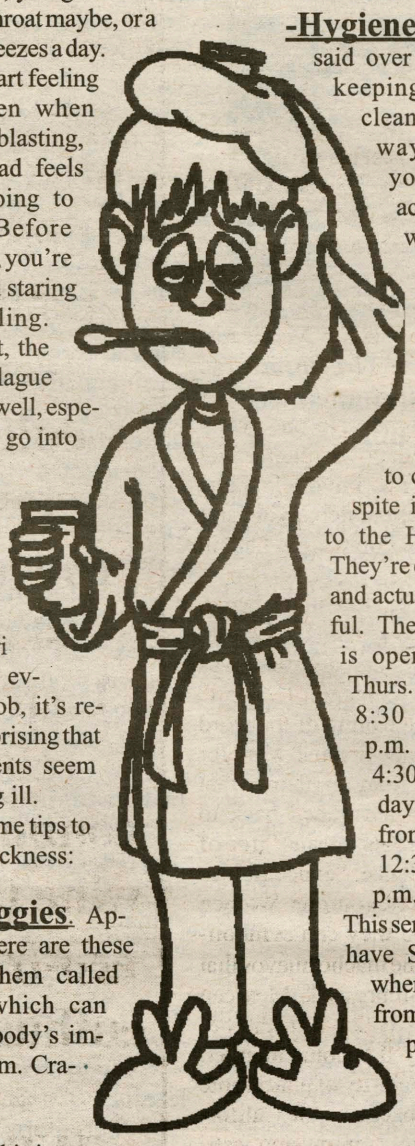
"Life does not end in college. It is good to make many friends and connections that you will be able to rely on later in life."

"From Where I Sit" is the ESOL column that represents the nonnative English Speaker's point of view on his or her American experience. If you have a "From Where I Sit" story that you would like to share, please email adragan.

Beware: the Hamilton Plague

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Features Writer

It's probably Murphy's Law that exactly when you really need to get work done, and just do not have time for this, you get sick. It starts with a sore throat maybe, or a few extra sneezes a day. Then you start feeling chilled even when the heat is blasting, or your head feels like it's going to explode. Before you know it, you're lying in bed staring at the ceiling. Let's face it, the Hamilton Plague is alive and well, especially as we go into mid-terms. Between high-stress levels, a lack of sleep, and the petri dish that is every doorknob, it's really not surprising that many students seem to be falling ill. Here are some tips to avoid the sickness:



-Eat veggies. Apparently there are these things in them called vitamins which can help your body's immune system. Crazy right?

-Sleep. This is a tough one. Lab reports, translations, papers on obscure Czech writers- they all demand time, and there are only 24 hours in the day. But getting 8 hours of sleep at night can dramatically increase your ability to fight off nasty germs.

-Anti-Socialism. This is not actually a political position but a life position. Stay away from the friend with the sniffles. Avoid hooking up with the guy with the cough. Just try to keep a little distance and it will pay off. If you're the one who has fallen sick, try to avoid infecting everyone you come in contact with.

-Hygiene. It has been said over and over, but keeping your hands clean goes a long way in keeping you healthy. If actual soap and water isn't going to happen, use Purell. There are dispensers of it in all the dining facilities.

If you managed to catch a bug despite it all, trot over to the Health Center. They're extremely nice, and actually quite helpful. The health center is open Mon. Tues. Thurs. and Fri. from 8:30 a.m.to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays they are open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This semester they also have Saturday hours whenthey are open from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are required during the week, but not on Saturdays. The Health Center will also be offering flu vaccines and The Student Health Center will be having a flu shot clinic for students on Wednesday 10/22/08 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday 10/28/08 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The charge for a vaccine, billed directly to your Hamilton account, will be $15.

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Spectator Between the Sheets

By Annabelle Moore '12
Features Columnist

Christmas, New Years, a birthday, Passover; whatever the occasion, it is always an appropriate time to give your significant other lingerie. Your bras getting a bit moldy? Buy a new one with a matching pair of panties and you've also got your boyfriend a nice little Kwanzaa present. Been craving a man-thong to compliment your newly sculpted crew ass? Buy it for your girlfriend to pull off you with her teeth. Here is a comprehensive guide to lingerie. The "gift" of sexy lingerie, which you actually bought for yourself, is a classic relationship trick. If you are a girl, use this guide to shop for yourself, your girlfriend or your boyfriend. If you're a guy, then use this if you have a girlfriend, friend, or cougar mother, although you can always buy a pair of silk boxers for yourself or your boyfriend. Enjoy!

Matching bra and panties: Probably the simplest to pick out, involve in everyday wear, and avoid an awkward situation with your cleaning lady. They can also be worn under almost anything, especially if there is no raised embroidery, rhinestones or sequins on the bra cups, which can lead to a pleasant surprise during a random Wednesday "study session." Feeling classy and need a suggestion of brand? When asked to comment on the subject, a freshman boy who wishes to remain anonymous drunkenly exclaimed, "Hanky Panky, son!"

Thigh-high stockings: Tricky toput on, and definitely should be worn with a garter belt. Very sexy when paired with heels and an LBD, and the stockings with the line up the back is very flattering. One trick: put on underwear after attaching the stockings to the belt. Then you can get some action while still wearing the thigh highs. Also, rub lotion on your legs after the stockings are on to get rid of any static electricity.

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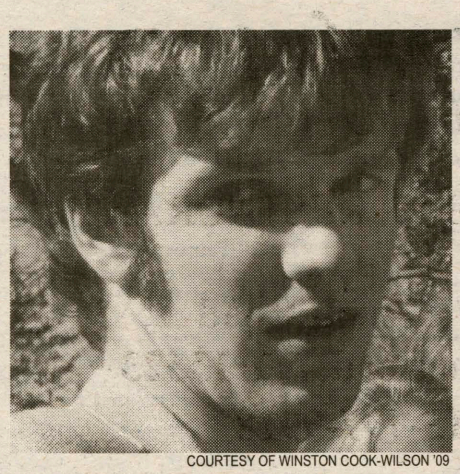
Our suggestion? Mix and match!

Corset: Slimming, sexy, and very uncomfortable... there's nothing more guaranteed to please. Corsets should be worn under a dress with thigh highs and heels, and maybe a little whip as an accessory. A teddy is basically a corset which attaches at the crotch, another legitimate option. While sometimes suffocating, they definitely improve your posture and can accentuate your waist. Most corsets have clips so that you can attach thigh-highs. Voila! You're suddenly a sex kitten!

Nighties: A nightie is probably the most comfortable and flattering on this list, while still being distinctly lingerie. It is typically an empire waisted top that flows, and comes with a matching pair of underwear. If it's night you can put one on as "pajamas," but don't expect to get much sleep.

No lingerie: Cheap, simple and to the point—I want to bump naughties. A male student at Hamilton informed me that this is all guys really want. Let's just try and avoid going completely commando in short dresses or wide-legged shorts. I didn't get Tex-Mex just to feel it rise up in my throat as I watch you climb out of the Jitney.

Separated At Birth?



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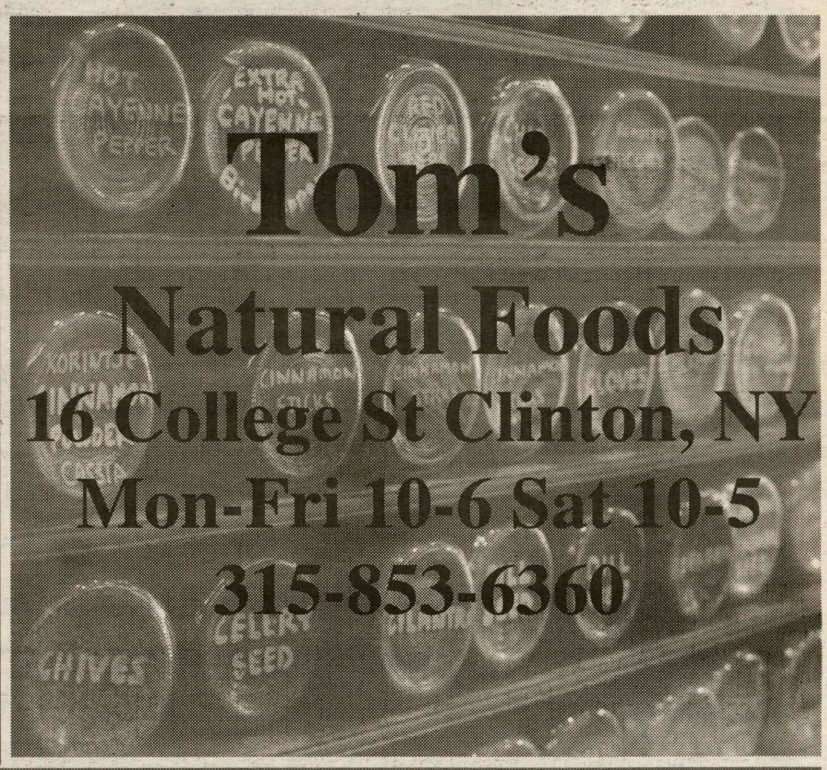

"If Mexicans are not here yet, they will come."

By Katrina Rabeler '12
Features Writer

"You folks do live in a bubble," declared Gustavo Arellano, referring to our extremely diverse and worldly student body. "If Mexicans are not here yet, they will come," he threatened this Tuesday night in the Events Barn. In fact, Arellano warned students of the Mexican "invasion" many times during his speech. The largest minority in the US, and soon to become 25 percent of the population, it is no mistake why Arellano's joke column "¡Ask A Mexican!" has swept the nation. Just because the Hamilton bubble does not reflect this trend, does not mean it does not exist. He talked about the plot by Canadians (who believe themselves to be nice) to band up with the Mexicans (who are also nice people) and get all the nice people together and take over the greedy mean USA. Another fact he pointed out was that over 4,000 words in the Spanish language are Arabic (due to the presence of the Moors in Spain). Imagine what Americans will do when they realize Mexicans are all part Islamic. Some people sense a grand conspiracy: when the Mexicans take over, they will finally unveil their secretlyMuslim identities and put us all under Shiite law!

Why is this guy making all these crazy claims about Mexican invasions? Gustavo Arellano is a second generation Mexican and, although his claims were tongue-in-cheek, Mexican immigration is a serious issue today and there are serious people out there who will actually call it an invasion. Arellano's "¡Ask A Mexican!" column's goal is to make fun of stereotypes while attacking the issue at large. As a child of Mexican immigrants and a proud American, Arellano addressed the issue of illegal immigration last Tuesday when student Grace Belkot '12 asked him for his serious opinion on the issue.

"I'm against it," said Arellano. "I think this country deserves to know who comes into it." He does, however, understand why so many Mexicans do enter this country illegally. Raised by an illegal immigrant father who failed to cross the border four times and finally succeeded on the fifth attempt by crawling through a sewer, Arellano wanted to know why his father did not enter America "the right way." His father's response: "My family was starving." This is why Arellano believes we should have open borders with Mexico. "A wall is a waste of billions of dollars. I believe in a much more liberal immigration policy." He emphasized that the U.S. should know who is coming in and why. If they can show that they have a job lined up and will not simply be dependent on welfare, then they should be allowed in. He also pointed out that one very easy way for the US to reduce the flood of Mexicans into the US would be to allow back and forth migration. If people were able to send money back home, then not so many would have to come here, he claimed.

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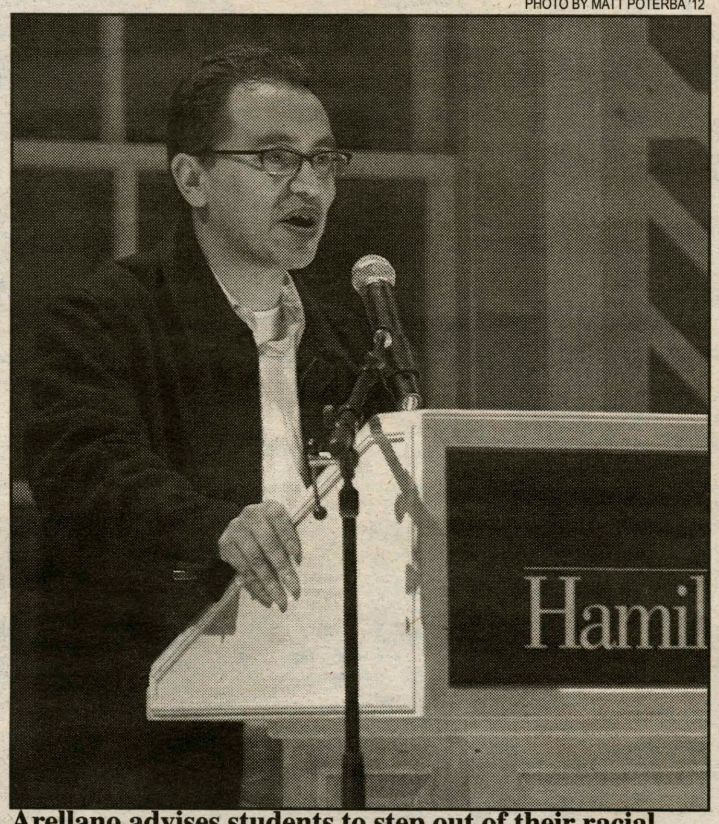

Arellano advises students to step out of their racial comfort zone.

Gustavo Arellano was invited to Hamilton as a part of an effort to celebrate various cultures at Hamilton. He is a staff writer for the Orange County Weekly in California, a newspaper designed to shed a different light than mainstream media. He began his "¡Ask A Mexican!" joke column in 2004 with a made up question of his own (Why do Mexicans call us white people gringos?) and has not written his own question since because, to his great surprise, his e-mail is flooded constantly with people writing in their questions about Mexicans. The objective of the column was to make fun of people. It actually scared him how much his column took off. He does not understand why Mexicans are getting so much hype: "I view my culture as one of many." Though many people are romanticizing the Mexican immigration and calling it an invasion, the reality of it is much more profound. In fact, Arellano stressed that, "Mexicans are no different than any wave of immigrants coming into this country." They just want a piece of the American dream. Many people are worried that Spanish will take over English and that their children will be attending school in Spanish. Arellano pointed out that Ben Franklin had the same worry about German when Germans were immigrating to the U.S. in swarms way back when. Alas America, however, did not turn into a Deutsch nation!

Arellano answers the questions in his column with a mixture of wit and satire, but always truth. "Truth is the best way to fight stereotypes," he explained. And it's not only racist white Americans who write in their questions and embarrass themselves with stereotypes. Mexican-Americans, Canadians, blacks, Mexicans, and Asians, among others, write in their questions and exhibit their own stereotypes. No one gets a pass in Arellano's column. Not Mexicans, not anyone. "[The column] is about debunking stereotypes and combatting hate in all cultures."

Of course, the column began as a joke and remains a joke. In one column, the question was raised by "Guacamole Man" what is the meaning of the word "aguacate," the Spanish word for avocado. Arellano explained that the word, when traced back to its Nahuatl roots, means "tree of testicles." Hence, "guacamole is castration gone gourmet. Women prepare it so they can symbolically crush the macho huevos that keep them repressed; Mexican hobres scarf it down in the belief that they'll become manlier. And the popularity of guacamole amongst gabachos – the California Avocado commission estimates that consumers purchase 40 million pounds of their cash crop during Super Bowl weekend alone – is actually an American plot to deball the Mexican nation. Then again, an avocado might just be an avocado: a wrinkly – and, sure, testicular – fruit."

Mexicans may be, as Arellano suggested, just like any other wave of immigrants throughout history, but it cannot be denied that there is something intrinsically sizzling and spicy about this particular minority. Gustavo Arellano and his invading avocados are proof of that.

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1. Senior Emma Woods

2. Senior Gift Committee Co-Chairs Stu Lombardi and Stephanie Ryder announce the much anticipated class of 2009 senior gift.

3. Students & Alumni performed at the Black and Latin Student Union (BLSU) talent show.

4. Physical Plant Associate Director Bill Huggins gives alumni a tour of the new facilities.

5. New Chairman of the Board A. G. Lafley talks with students in KJ Commons.

6. A beautiful day reflects off of KJ's new facade.

7. The undefeated Hamilton College Men's Rugby Football team performs a perfect line-in during Saturday's game.

8. President Joan Hinde Stewart at the Senior Gift ceremony.

9. Students and alumni catch up and mingle throughout campus.

10. Alumni and Trustee George Baker delivers a rallying address to the senior class.

11. Traditional entertainment for the Trustee Cocktail Hour.

12. Events were performed in front of packed houses all over campus.

13. Robert Bloomer, class of 1950, is awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by Mark Rice, class of 1973.

14. The Hamilton Football team competes against Trinity in their annual Fallcoming game.

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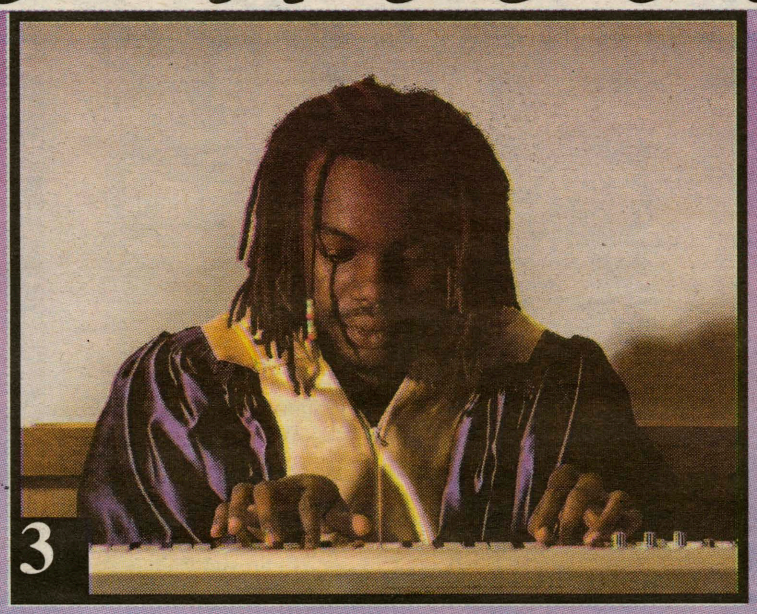
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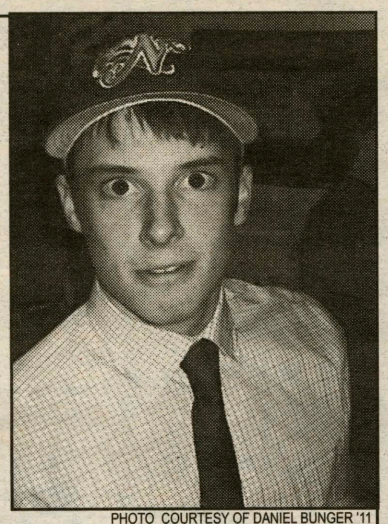
Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Daniel Bunger '11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Age: 19
Eye Color: Espresso
Height: 6'2" (give or take 7 inches)

Sign: Gemini
Hometown: Newtown, CT
Major: Economics
Minor: Art
On Campus Activities: Rugby

Interested In: Biddies
What You Are Looking For Now: Whatever I can get?

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Heavy petting/purring in the red pit
Off Campus: Is G-road off campus?

If you were to prepare a romantic dinner, what would be on the menu?
New York Strip steak with some Black and Tans
What is your ideal date wearing?
Something simple sexy

Turn Ons: Smokey voice, letting me paint her, hair that smells good… really good
Turn Offs: General sloppiness
Dating Deal Makers: clean plate
Dating Deal Breakers: "My biological clock is ticking."

Favorites
Place to Hangout on Campus: Behind bushes
Exercise At The Gym: Skull Crushers
Gift to give: Love
Gift to get: Food
Song: "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show
Book: The Sun Also Rises by Hemmingway
Movie: Milo and Otis
"Guilty Pleasure" song: "Milkshake" by Kelis
"Guilty Pleasure" movie: Surf Ninjas/ Air Bud: Golden Receiver
Celeb Crush: Miley Cyrus
Faculty Crush: James Bradfield
Breakfast: Other people's food
Sitcom: It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia
Reality TV Show: The Hills
Quote: "Everything in my shop is the best," replied the butcher. "You cannot find here any piece of meat that is not the best." At these words Banzan became enlightened.
Most attractive organization on campus: Men's Rugby
Car: '86 Pontiac Fiero GT
Band: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band

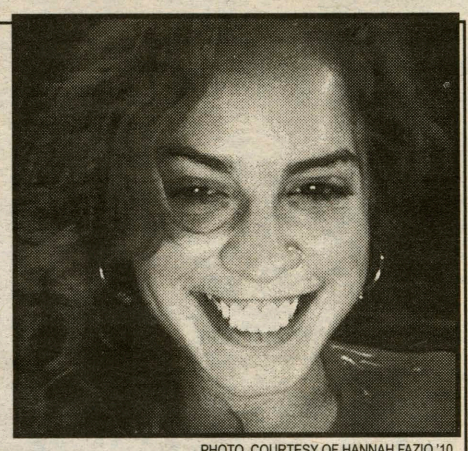
Ors
Light side or Dark side? Dark Side
Innie or Outie? Neither
Coffee or Tea? Black Coffee
Boxers or Briefs? Boxers on everyone
Midnight Rendezvous or Afternoon Delight? At noon on the dot.
Hot or Cold? Tepid
Rok or VT? Suite Shopping for 'stones
Keystone light or keystone ice? Light is more formal
Annex or ELS basement? ELS, I like to swing on things
KJ or Science Center? KJ, fewer nerds

My most attractive quality: My delts.
Weirdest decoration in my room: Robert Bryan
The outfit that epitomizes me: Sleeveless tuxedo.

If I were an animal I would be: Tapeworm, because it's warm.
If I were a color I would be: The tint of blue on pinpoint oxfords, because it looks so good.
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: Shangri-La, no explanation necessary.
If I were a cartoon character, I would be: Squirttle, because I'd be part squirrel part turtle and all awkward.

The best pick-up line I have used: "You smell good."
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: They all work.
How can someone tell that you are interested?: Grunting, long disturbing stares.

Hannah Fazio '10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Age: 20 (**21 on October 24th)
Eye Color: poo green
Height: 5"4

Sign: Scorpio
Hometown: Minnetonka, Minnesota
Major: Theater and Spanish or sociology minor
On Campus Activities: Theater productions, Bobby Peru, Study Buddies, Tour guide, Orientation leader, Special K super fan, Green Apple contributor, Radio show Thursdays at 1 am- DJ Faz and DJ Owusu bring you the beats

Interested In: Mostly men
What You Are Looking For Now: No bullshit.

Ideal Date:
On Campus: A glen walk and some video games (preferably Donkey Kong).
Off Campus: A surprise adventure….I love surprises.

Turn Ons: Curly hair, cute smiles, passion
Turn Offs: Indecisiveness, ugly jeans, seriousness
Dating Deal Makers: Interest in the arts
Dating Deal Breakers: Too timid to fight with me

Favorites
Place to Hangout on Campus: Rogers
Exercise At The Gym: Yoga
Gift to give: Good books
Gift to get: Creative works
Song: "Valerie" by Amy Winehouse or anything by Atmosphere
Book: *The House on Mango Street*
Movie: *Adaptation*
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: Anything by Ludacris
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: *Grease 2*
Celeb Crush: Jon Stewart. I'm seducing him when he comes.
Campus Crush: Arielle Cutler, Babbitt 31
Faculty Crush: Awkward.
Breakfast: Coffee and something from Trudy
Sitcom: *Weeds, Arrested Development*
Reality TV Show: *Project Runway, American Idol*
Quote: "You are what you love, not what loves you." & "Smile, this is your life."
Most attractive organization on campus: Toss up between the theater department and the D.M.C.
Car: Audis

Ors
Light side or Dark side? Dark.
Innie or Outie? Little known fact: I used to have an outie.
Coffee or Tea? Both
Boxers or Briefs? Both
Midnight Rendezvous or Afternoon Delight? Both
Rok or VT? Not 21.
Opus or DD? Opus
Keystone light or keystone ice? Neither
Annex or ELS basement? ELS basement
KJ or Science Center? KJ

My most attractive quality: Hmmmm…I'd say I've got the hair goin' for me…I mean, my deep contemplative abilities.
Weirdest decoration in my room: My bras hanging from the walls. It's artsy.
The outfit that epitomizes me: Cowboy boots, a skirt and a hoodie

If I were an animal I would be: A chipmunk because they embody a lot in such a little being
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: Costa Rica because it's warm, Fran Villa is there, y yo podría practicar mi Español.
If I were a cartoon character, I would be: Butters from South Park because he's good hearted but just a little "off".

The best pick-up line I have used: "I just farted, wanna get out of here?"
The pick-up line that did not work on me: "Hannah, Hannah, come feel how soft my bed is!"
How can someone tell that you are interested? I'll give you the eyes. Game over.

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by Chris Rand '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Internationally acclaimed soul singer and electronic artist Jamie Lidell returns to the Hamilton campus Saturday October 11 for a full annex extravaganza. Lidell is touring with a full band in support of his latest hit record, *JIM*, and chose Hamilton as his only stop on the college circuit before embarking on a world tour with legend Elton John. The Independent Music Fund and WHCL have split the annex into a large concert space decked out with lights and glowsticks and an intergalactic lounge with projections and free Tex Mex.

Lidell began his career in the UK as a house musician with fellow producer extraordinaire Cristian Vogel, forming the dance duo Super_Collider. Their breakout single "Darn (Cold Way O Lovin')," circulating in European DJ mix albums, launched the success of their first album, *Head On* (1999), featuring looped beatboxing and Lidell's soulful crooning in an experimental electronica and off-kilter pop format.

After remaining a producer and fixture in the European house and experimental electronica scene, Lidell released his sophomore album *Multiply* in 2005 to international acclaim. The title track and hit single, "Multiply", was featured on television series *Grey's Anatomy* and its retail soundtrack. While the record employed a lot of the same IDM tropes of previous projects, he now channels his love for Prince and the 60's Stax and Motown sound more prominently: the record adds organ zaps and abrupt horn blasts to Lidell's affecting and soulful voice and hypnotic beatboxing. Lidell brought his unique performance style to Hamilton in support of *Multiply* in the fall of 2006: he simultaneously created his own loops and stepped out into the audience to sing his explosive soul and dance tunes.

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Jamie Lidell will bring his energy and soulful vocals to Hamilton on October 11 at 9 p.m.

In 2008, Jamie Lidell released *JIM*, rebirthing Lidell as first and foremost a soul singer. Moving his hypnotic dance production to the background, Lidell's soulfully charged vocals become the center of his new sound. But, Lidell remains the Southern soul dance-inducing maniac of previous years, simply adding sincerity and live instrumentation. He now splits his live show between soul-charged sets with his live band and trance-inducing electronic spurts of Lidell looping his own vocals and beatboxing. Hit single "A Little Bit of Feel Good" was featured on *Grey's Anatomy* and has been performed on the late night television circuit.

On her sophomore LP, *The Reminder*, Feist credits Lidell as "Energy Arranger" on her song "So Sorry," illustrating that for any who have sought out or stumbled upon Lidell's music his energy becomes inescapable. His pop sensibilities and soulful crooning immediate inflict dance and smiles, as do his goofy and often exhilarating live antics: from setting an amp on fire to call and response with a band member playing two saxophones. One thing is for sure: Jamie Lidell is certainly an artist to watch and a performance that should not be missed.

Byte Sized Big Ideas

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

One of Hamilton's newest publications, *Byte Sized*, launched its first prompt of the semester this past week. *Byte Sized* is a publication strictly in an online format that was founded last spring by Kylie Fraser and Danielle Forsyth, both class of 2011. The two editors plan to pose a prompt at least once per month to the Hamilton student body encouraging everyone to respond with creative answers. Each person's response will be posted on the Byte Sized blog and can either be credited or anonymous.

According to Fraser, "The goal of the publication is to have fun and be interesting. It is a way for people who are not that literary to get involved in Hamilton's literary world."

One of the defining factors of *Byte Sized* is its accessibility to anyone with any interest in anything literary—something that the editors believe is lacking in other Hamilton publications. Another aspect of the publication that is unique is its emphasis on brevity. "Brevity is really a challenge for lots of people," said Fraser, who is a double English and French major. "Our original idea was to have people write eight-word autobiographies, but we decided to broaden it."

Forsyth, a double English and Art History major, added, "We wanted to do something different, especially in having *Byte Sized* almost completely online. That's the future [of all publications]." Because of *Byte Sized*'s forum-like nature, the editors are very open to new prompt ideas, queries, thoughts or comments and can be contacted at bytesized@hamilton.edu. The publication itself can be accessed at http://www.bytesizedhamilton.blogspot.com/.

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HAMILTON HOROSCOPES

by Steve Allinger '09
Staff Seer

Aries: There is deep satisfaction in a hard days work, unfortunately there is also a hard days work in a hard days work.

Taurus: Your symbol is the mighty bull, and like the mighty bull, people will eventually congregate in large arenas to watch you get stabbed to death by men in tight fitting cloths.

Gemini: Someone who is nice to you but mean to a waiter is not a nice person. But they are probably a rich person, and therefore worth getting to know.

Cancer: This weekend let your inhibitions go and fly your freak flag! Not that high, freak.

Leo: As Mercury approaches its zenith in relation to Jupiter's alignment with Mars you come to the terrifying realization that astrology and astronomy are very different.

Virgo: Your sign represents Astraea, the virgin daughter of Zeus. You need to stop being a virgin.

Libra: Always remember what Latarian Milton said: "It's fun—fun to do bad things." If you don't know who LM is, find out.

Scorpio: Some say that the grass is always greener on the other side; you say that it probably is but you're too lazy to find out.

Sagittarius: Don't let the current economic crisis get you down. No matter how bad the job market gets, the world will always need a homeless-people-groomer of your caliber.

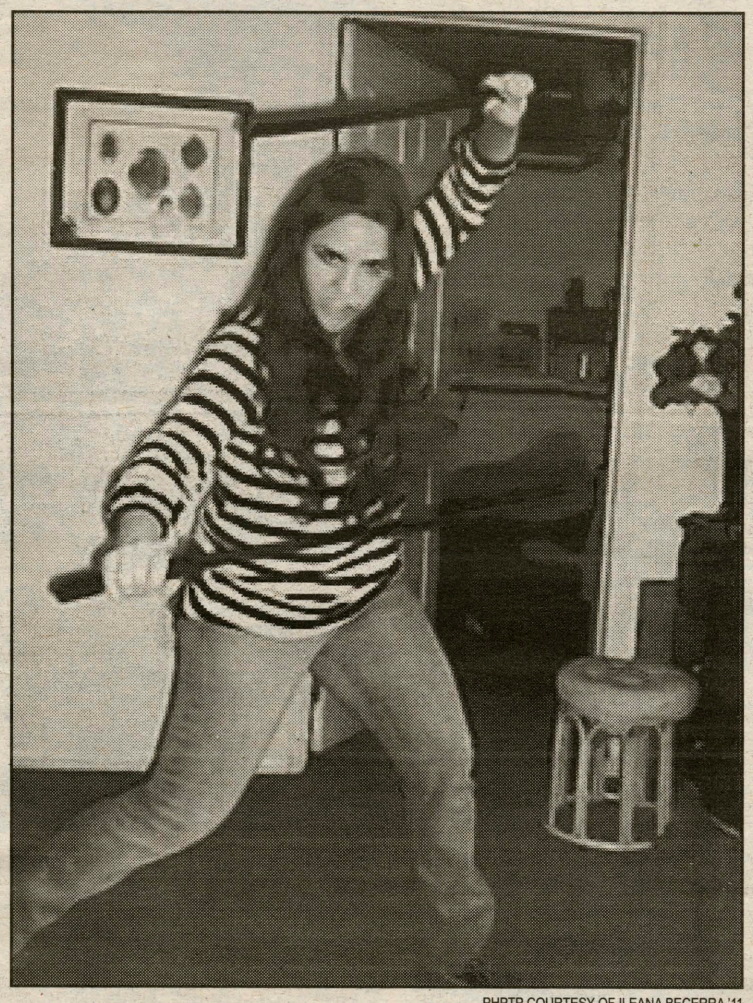
Ileana Becerra Sweeps Talent Show

by Rachel Pohl '11
Arts & Entertainment Writer

This past Saturday was a night to showcase Hamilton's talented students as the Black Latin Student Union (BLSU) held their talent show. Six vocalists, one comedian, and one slam poet competed. The winner was Ileana Becerra, class of 2011, from Venice, California. Winning the talent show was no easy feat; Ileana sang a piece she composed herself and played the guitar, an instrment she taught herself to play over the summer. She explained that winning the competition "felt great because I didn't expect to win. I competed just to gain some experience playing the guitar for a larger group of people. If I lost, it still would have felt good to play my music for my peers. However, I felt honored to win."

Ileana began singing traditional cultural Mexican music, "Rancheras," at a very young age, and by age six was competing in large televised singing competitions. While Ileana's passion for singing is still strong, nowadays she primarily sings for charity and her church choir. She composes her own songs and has twenty to thirty songs that are in the process of being written. This past summer, she taught herself how to play the guitar. Because Ileana grew up playing the piano and has taken music theory courses, she did not think learning the guitar was extremely difficult. She is currently taking guitar lessons to learn string picking.

Ileana comes from a musically talented family; her mother plays several instruments and taught Ileana how to sing. Her uncle is a very good guitar player and helped Ileana learn her newest instrument. Ileana explained, "The music just comes to me. I never force myself to sit down and write. I like to randomly write songs as they pop into my head; it happens when I play the guitar." As a potential physics major and mathematics minor, Ileana does not have much time to sing or play guitar, but she does play chords for the Christian Fellowship. When Ileana does have free time, she likes to dance, write creative stories, and play volleyball and tennis. Ileana sees music as a way to relax, a hobby, and a relief from the stresses of everyday life, and she hopes to always maintain her passion for it.



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Ileana Becerra '11 won both her category and best in show.

Weekly Charts

by Jennifer Vano '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From billboard.com)

Top Albums
1. Paper Trail-T.I.
2. Jennifer Hudson-Jennifer Hudson
3. Something Else-Robin Thicke
4. Covers-James Taylor
5. Death Magnetic-Metallica
6. Year Of The Gentleman-Ne-Yo
7. Rock N Roll Jesus-Kid Rock
8. The Glass Passenger-Jack's Mannequin
9. Kelli Pickler-Kellie Pickler
10. Fearless-Jazmine Sullivan

Top Songs
1. Live Your Life-T.I. Featuring Rihanna
2. Whatever You Like-T.I.
3. So What-Pink
4. Disturbia-Pink
5. Let It Rock-Kevin Rudolf Featuring Lil Wayne

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Movies)
1. Beverly Hills Chihuahua
2. Eagle Eye
3. Nick & Norah's Infiinte Playlist
4. Nights in Rodanthe
5. Appaloosa

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks
2. Third Degree, by Greg Iles
3. Book of the Dead, by Patricia Cornwell
4. Dead until Dark, by Charlaine Harris
5. Stone Cold, by David Baldacci

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson
2. Eat, Pray, Love, by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. Sarah, by Kaylene Johnson
4. The Audacity of Hope, by Barack Obama
5. Change Your Brain, Change Your Life, by Daniel G. Amen

LETTUCE HEAD

Presented By & Joshua Hicks '09

What Would Jesus Joke?

It's true: Jesus led a very hard life. Healing the sick, and feeding large multitudes is a demanding task, not to mention dying for the sins of the whole world. Monty Python then gets to crack joke after joke at the world during the life and times of Christ, but through the world of Brian, another Jew living in Israel who is suddenly hailed as another Messiah. Brian tries as hard as he can to convince his pursuers, the so-called "followers," and Roman soldiers alike that he is not the Messiah. Through unfortunate circumstances, however, his fate looks somewhat like that of Jesus, creating an interesting parallel that might claim to be controversial. Either way, you must go into this film ready for Monty Python to do what they do best: make fun of something. Laugh people! You only live once.

I give *Life of Brian* 5 Lettuce Heads for totally flipping the Jesus film, and the final song "Always Look On The Bright Side of Life."

Yo-Ho-Ho and a Bottle of Jack

When was the last time you got your kick on the high seas? No, I don't mean Titanic but another exciting flick that will certainly knock you off your sea legs. In 2003, Russel Crowe laid off his gladitorial garb for a British sea captain's uniform in Master and Commander. This was truly a stellar performance of guts, glory, and British pride (which we Americans may know very little about). On another note, Crowe, who stars as Captain Jack Aubrey, rants like a natural against his French rivals, who threaten to destroy his ship. The film runs a little over two hours, but every second of it is nothing short of an adventure.

The only reason *Pirates of the Caribbean* beats this film is that there are far more women involved, and therefore *Master and Commander* gets 4 Lettuce Heads for "lucky" Jack and crew. Avast! Watch this film!

Sar-Shalom Strong Supports Charity

by Ke Xu '11
Arts & Entertainment Writer

On Friday, Sept. 19th, Sar-Shalom Strong played a wonderful concert at First Presbyterian Church on 1605 Genesee Street Utica.

The benefits of this concert will go to *Hamilton College Disaster Relief*, a student volunteer organization that works on projects to relieve regions from natural disaster.

More than 100 people attended the concert and most enjoyed it to the greatest extent. Strong played piano repertoire by Scarlatti, Clara Schumann, Faure, Prokofieff, Barber, Gabriella Frank, and Muczynski. The pieces Strong chose are not as well known as some other pieces composed by these composers, yet Strong described them as "lesser mined gems."

Sar-Shalom Strong is one of the best known pianists in upstate New York. He has gained widespread recognition for his sensitive performances of solo and collaborative repertoire. Recent performances have included chamber music of Brahms and Shostakovich with the DeVere Quartet and a recital with flutist Rebecca Ashe in Kansas City. Other recent performances include Saint-Saens' Concerto No. 2 with the Utica Symphony Orchestra, a recital with flutist Dana DiGennaro at Lemoyne College, and chamber works for the Society for New Music and for the Skaneateles Festival. His Utica recital includes music of Scarlatti, Schumann, Fauré, Prokofieff, and others.

The concert raised $1259 thanks to Strong's generosity and masterful talent with music. Also a special thanks goes to the First Presbyterian Church for providing the equipment (their piano is superb) and location. The money raised from this concert will help the coming relief work in the regions of China that suffered the disastrous earthquake earlier this year.

Government Establishes Rate on Digital Music

by Yinghang Ding '12
Science & Technology Writer

Last Thursday, October 2, a panel of federal judges of the Copyright Royalty Board decided to renew the current royalty rates for CDs and recordings, while setting rates for the first time for downloads, ringtones and other types of digital music.

Royalties are paid both to composers (represented by a publisher) and artists who actually performed the song (represented by a record label). The group representing music publishers had sought a per-song rate boost from 9.1 cents to 15 cents, a 66 percent increase. It was rejected by the CRB, and the royalties paid to composers when a song is downloaded from an online store as well as purchased on a CD remains at 9.1 cents. The decision made by the CRB was affected by companies like Apple. Apple had told the CRB that it most likely would shut down iTunes if forced to pay too high a royalty rate. At this point, it seems that Apple has won, as the CRB decided to keep royalty rates stable.

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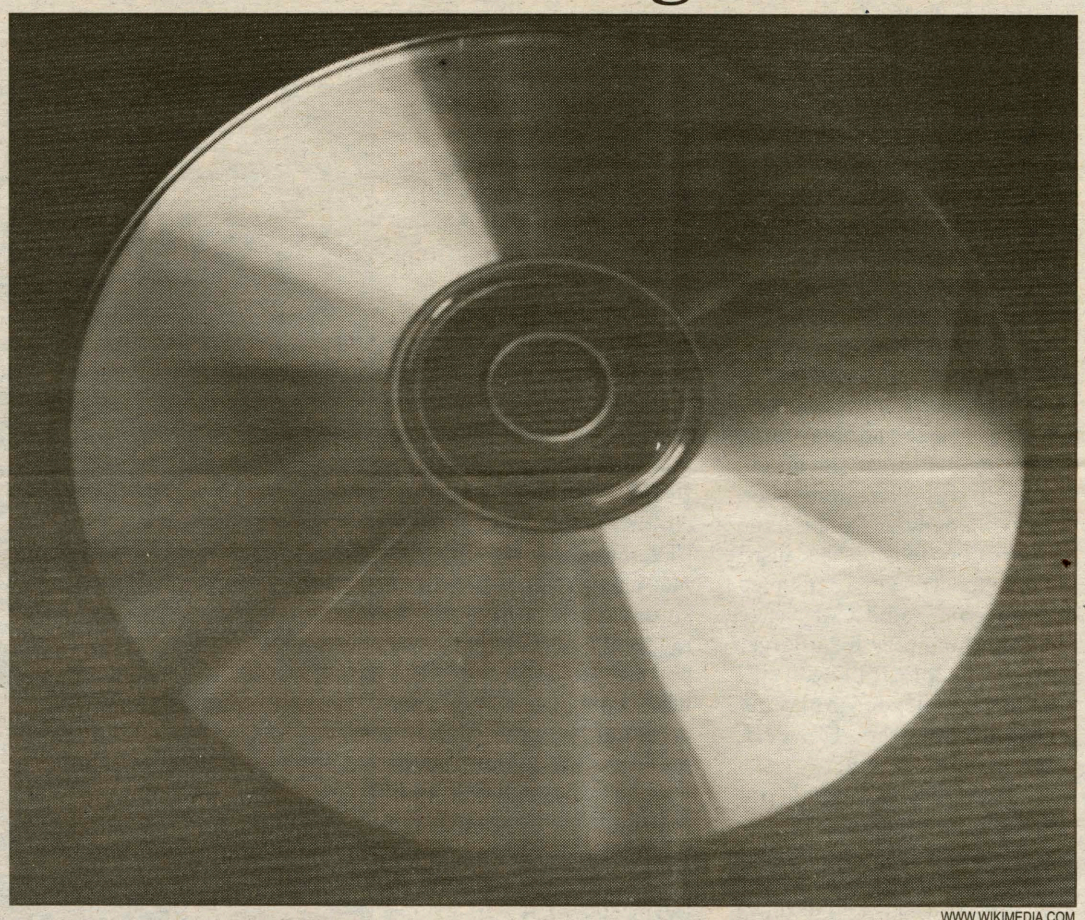
iPods may increase the temptation to download.

Did the CRB make the right decision? Would it be efficient if the CRB agreed to raise the royalty rate to 15 cents per song? When asked to explain his view on whether the royalty rate should be increased, Associate Professor of Economics Julio Videras responded, "Increasing royalties might be a way for composers and the industry to recover some of the losses due to illegal downloading. However, higher royalties will increase the price of CDs and downloads, and might encourage more illegal downloading. In this way, [higher royalties] may have the unintended consequence of reducing revenues overall." According to Videras, a better way to solve the problem of illegal downloading is not to increase the royalty rate. Instead, the music industry should be "more creative" in designing other ways to increase their total revenue.

So what economic theory is behind the compromise between the board and companies like Apple? Why does Apple want a stable royalty rate of 9.1 cents? Would it be better for the entire music industry if songs sold for, say, $1.09? When Associate Professor of Economics Stephen Wu was asked about this issue, he explained with an equation. "For songwriters, the total revenue TR=P*Q, where P is the royalty rate per song and Q is the number of songs sold. Because the technology changes, there are more substitutes for CDs, so the demand for CDs becomes more elastic. If publishers like Apple decide to increase the price due to the increase in royalty rate, a small increase in price will lead to a big decrease in the quantity of CDs consumers buy. Then the total revenue of the songwriters will go down. If the publishers decide to keep the current price regardless of the increase of the royalty rate, then the songwriters will receive more revenue, but the companies like Apple will suffer a great loss." In this way, a constant royalty rate of 9.1 cents is beneficial for music companies like Apple.



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Associate Professor of Economics Julio Videras has said that increasing the royalties on songs might be a short-term fix for composers, but could eventually raise the price of CDs.

Although Hamilton College has proposed rules and regulations for sharing copyrighted materials, illegal downloading is still being performed on campus. The internet is extremely slow

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Announcing Dorm Energy Battle 2008

November 1 - 15

Matchups:

McIntosh vs. Major vs. Minor vs. Kirkland vs. Wertimer

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Babbitt vs. Millbank

The Prize: *A Pizza Party*

HEAG is sponsoring an energy challenge. In each matchup, the dorm with the lowest energy usage beween November 1 - 15 will win a pizza party. Energy usage will be tracked using Hamilton's Energy Dashboard. The matchups were determined based on similar size and past energy use. The goal of the competition is for the Hamilton Community to be aware of its energy usage. Each individual is responsible for their contribution to carbon emissions and energy usage. Have fun, and good luck!

The Large Hadron Collider Has Had Its Ups and Downs

by Saad Chaudhry '12
Science & Technology Editor

The world's most grandiose, most powerful, and most expensive particle accelerator and atom smasher, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which is worth over $6 billion and is located near Geneva, Switzerland, was officially tested on the morning of September 10, 2008. The first beam of protons was fired through its immensely long tunnel (17 miles), and the protons completed their first complete round of the tunnel at approximately 10:28 local time. Nine days later, the LHC broke down. Ten days after that, a "doomsday" lawsuit against the LHC was dismissed.

The LHC was built in order to allow scientists to collide particles at such high intensities so as to help physicists to explore not simply what is inside atoms, and not even to simply explore the "point" particles, such as quarks, that are inside the subatomic particles themselves, but rather, to discover if anything was inside these points.

Before the LHC was built, the most powerful hadron collider was the CERN-Fermilab Hadron Collider, which is located near Chicago, Illinois and was partly named after the Nobel Prize winning physicist Enrico Fermi, who taught at the University of Chicago. This collider was strong enough to allow the scientists to see the point particles within the subatomic particles, but it was not strong enough to present what was inside the point particles.

Thus, a much more energized collider, the LHC, was built, and now it can fire particles at 99.99 percent the speed of light, while at the same time creating black-holes. Indeed, you read correctly. Black holes form because the LHC replicates conditions that existed in the universe just after the Big Bang, and thus at sufficiently high energy, the space-time fabric that Albert Einstein worked so hard in defining through his Theory of Relativity is actually warped adequately enough to form black holes. For this reason, Hamilton College's Professor of Physics Amy Lytle explained that the LHC is also commonly referred to as the "Big Bang Machine" amongst the scientific community.

Such was the reason for the "doomsday" lawsuit brought by Walter Wagner, a retired nuclear safety officer, and Luis Sancho, a Spanish science writer. They essentially feared that the black holes would be powerful enough to draw in their surroundings and then finally, the world. But after an overwhelming refutation by a majority of scientists, who argued the black holes wouldn't even be powerful enough to exist for more than a second, the lawsuit was dismissed.

Nonetheless, the LHC is currently not functioning, and it will not be powered up again until spring of 2009, due to an amazingly minute, yet potentially catastrophic mistake made by a single engineer, who badly soldered one of the 10,000 electrical connections that exist on the collider. Bad luck it is, but as the project leader for the LHC, Lyn Evans, stated, "That's life."

When asked why the LHC will not be powered up again until Spring of 2009 due to one minor error, Lytle replied, "The Large Hadron Collider is kept at very low temperatures by the hydrogen. It's going to take that long to warm it up to the point where they can repair and then it'll take that long to cool it down again."

The Hill Reaction: Green Week 2008

by Jessica Carroll '12 and Elijah LaChance '10
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The Hill Reaction *is designed to be an informal sampling of student, professor, and staff reactions to recent science and technology events and news stories, whether on the Hill or international. Responses can be anonymous or published under self-chosen pseudonyms; permission to use the quote was given in each instance. We strive to portray an accurate and multi-faceted view of student responses; these remarks are unscripted and in no way represent the views of anyone besides the person quoted.*

"I really enjoyed the eat local theme. The cider and apples were great. That's all I knew about what was going on during Green Week."
-Rich Karrat '12

"I love 'Green Week.' Any excuse to get naked and run through the Glen… Oh wait, that's not what it's about?"
-Eric Thomas '09

"I feel that the trayless challenge did not have the publicity needed to get most students involved. Students didn't seem to change their behavior just for that one day."
-Henry Anreder '12

"Green Week…Oh… I saw a bada** sign for it. Can't wait."
-KB '12

"It was green week?"
-Mike Tracey '11

"Green Week? Sounds sweet. When is it?"
-Matt Seaman '12

"I really hope that we will be able to continue with some of the things that we did over green week, like going trayless. Maybe that is something we could do every Tuesday, or eventually maybe even every day."
-Mckayla Dunfrey '12

"I hated trayless Tuesday. Luckily they only took away trays at lunch. I don't like making multiple trips."
-Jo Fier '11

"I was kind of annoyed I couldn't use a tray on Tuesday."
-Anonymous '12

"What? I'm not participating but yay! Yay for green week. Yay for HEAG!"
-Sarah Kane '12

"The farmer's market was a great opportunity to interact with local artisans."
-Amy Tannenbaum '10

"I kept waiting, but they never started handing out cash."
-Robert Kosar '12

"I honestly didn't even know we were having a Green Week."
-Anonymous

"I thought that no tray day was a good idea and we should have more of them."
-Kyra Duhaime '12

"I had a vague idea that Green Week was coming up… apparently it already happened."
-Anonymous

"Good idea, not executed very well."
-Anonymous '12

"I wasn't aware it happened."
-Sofia Guerrón '10

"I was not aware of Green Week."
-Anonymous '12

"Yeah, I got the email."
-Anonymous

"Crazy environmentalists."
-Mark Ibrahim '12

"I got an e-mail, and I like the color green."
-Anonymous

"I really liked the farmer's market on Martin's Way, and I think Green Week brought a great sense of awareness about the environment to campus."
-Jess Wallace '12

"I thought Green Week successfully highlighted many of the environmental challenges facing the Hamilton Community. I hope the awareness raised during Green Week can be maintained and the efforts meeting these challenges can be expanded."
-Professor David Gapp

"I really like the tent with all the local stuff and trayless Tuesday."
Rachel Ward '12

"Green Week sounds awesome. Let's be aware!"
-Anonymous

"The local foods tent was great. Trayless Tuesday was a really good idea. I'd like if next year some sort of energy-saving effort were included, like not using unnecessary electricity for a few hours every day for the week."
-Emily Gaudet '12

"Every week should be Green Week."
-Tree Hugger

"I felt like Green Week had good intentions but was not very effective. They told us what the events were but not why they were having them."
-Mary Lehner '12

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Amy Lytle, Physics

THE FACTS:

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Name: Amy Lytle

Department: Physics

College: College of Wooster in Ohio

Graduate Experience: Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder

Research Interests: Ultrafast lasers, nonlinear optics, and physics education.

INTERVIEW SECTION

Jessica Carroll: If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be? (Please do not use the words "me," I," or "am.")

Amy Lytle: Dedicated, unconventional, intuitive.

JC: What areas of physics most interest you and why?

AL: What I like most about physics is how seemingly different areas are very interconnected. I have done research in both optics and condensed matter physics, and it is striking how many of the same principles you must use. I also really enjoy being in the lab, tinkering with equipment, and seeing how measurements can shape my understanding of a particular problem.

JC: How did you eventually choose to teach physics for a living?

AL: I love talking with students and I love the process of learning, so teaching suits me well. Not only do I get to share my enthusiasm for physics with faculty and students, but I get to continue studying and deepening my understanding of it.

JC: Why Hamilton?

AL: At my interview at Hamilton, I was very impressed with how open-hearted and balanced the faculty here seemed. It felt more like a friendly visit than a job interview. After several intense and competitive years in graduate school, I was eager to come to a place where there is a sense of common purpose and support among students and faculty. I'm also happy to be closer to my family (in Ohio) and back where there are more than two seasons! I especially missed the beautiful autumn colors.

JC: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

AL: Students have already told me that my expressions are easy to read. I guess I wouldn't be any good at poker.

JC: What is your favorite band/singer, your favorite ice cream flavor, your favorite book, and your favorite home-cooked meal?

AL: I'm a big fan of alternative, especially Radiohead.

My favorite ice cream flavor is Mexican chocolate: chocolate with cinnamon, but I'm also a sucker for anything with peanut butter.

There are too many great books to choose from, but a recent one I really enjoyed is *Three Junes* [by Julia Glass].

I'm addicted to Indian food, and I've found some really good recipes to do at home.

JC: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

AL: I expect my students to think through and apply the material I teach during class, rather than just sit and takes notes to review later. I also expect them to go beyond solving problems by developing intuition about physics. They can expect, however, that I am very willing to listen to them. Every class is a little different, so I try to tailor my teaching and my policies to the particular students in the class. The small classes and friendly atmosphere at Hamilton make this easy.

JC: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

AL: At the fitness center or dropping by my brother's office in C.A. Johnson.

JC: What are your current research interests, and how might students be working with you on them?

AL: I study nonlinear optics using ultrafast lasers. For my PhD work I helped develop a technique for improving the efficiency of soft x-ray lasers by using laser light to probe the nonlinear conversion process. I hope to apply this type of probing to other types of laser sources. A student working with me would use a femtosecond laser system to look at how different materials respond to very intense light.

JC: What are you most looking forward to about joining the Hamilton community?

AL: The wonderful people here! So far I have been delighted by the openness and friendliness of the faculty and students. I am also looking forward to growing as a teacher and trying out new ideas, both in the classroom and in the lab.

JC: What are some of your interests outside Hamilton?

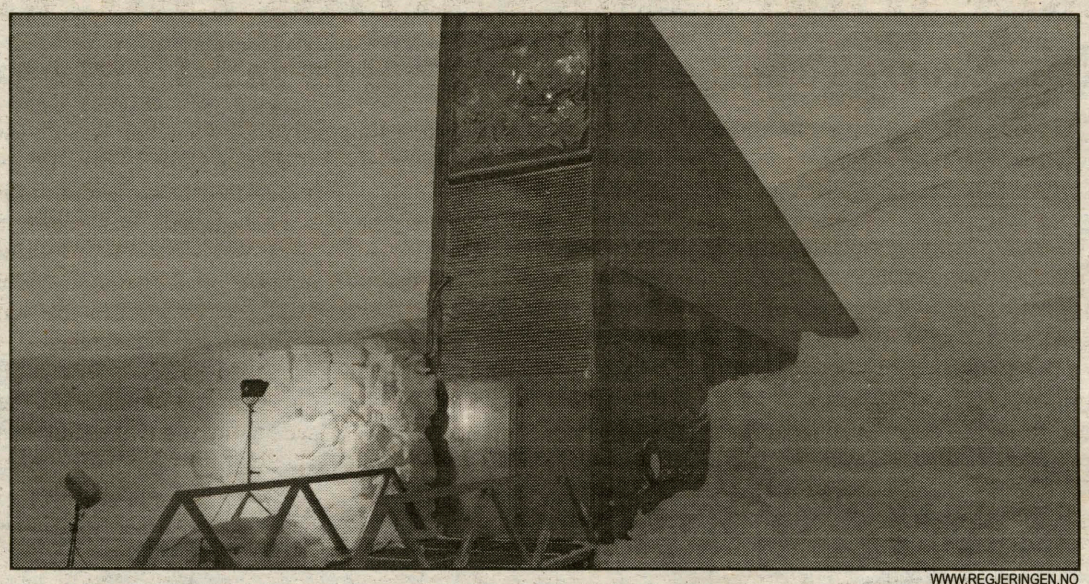
AL: Knitting, reading, cooking, yoga, and most of all spending time with my fiancé and my family when I can.

On the infrequent occasions when I have been called upon in a formal place to play the bongo drums, the introducer never seems to find it necessary to mention that I also do theoretical physics.

~Richard P. Feynman

Seed Vault Finally Opens in Svalbard, Norway

by Jessica Carroll '12
Science & Technology Editor



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The Svalbard seed vault stores seeds from the world's plants in case of global disaster.

In the event of a global thermonuclear war or a major natural disaster, one might imagine that it would be difficult to rebuild society and create a new world from the ashes of the old. With fewer people, less would be accomplished, and current economic and social structures would become obsolete. One of the main problems, along with acquiring water and shelter, would be supplying the survivors with enough food. Currently, we can easily go to the grocery store and pick up some pasta and tomato sauce and have a nice dinner. But after a war or natural disaster, food could become scarce, especially considering the fact that much of our food is shipped in from over 150 miles away, or even from a completely different continent.

Until scientists began to encourage the creation of a seed vault, seeds were scattered all over the world. If a natural disaster or environmentally devastating war were to occur, then seed reserves and many edible plants would have been lost. Humanity would begin again in terms of agriculture and farming, having lost all of the genetically modified and carefully selected crops that have kept us alive for generations. While regressing back to hunting and gathering might be necessary for a time, crops suitable for agriculture would become invaluable for supporting the remaining population.

At some point in time, a scientist had the idea to preserve some seeds and shoots from the plants most important to our survival and the survival of biodiversity. Plants are integral to our diet, and seed and shoot banks would be used to restart agricultural food supply after a disaster.

Shoots are necessary due to the fact that many plants, like apple trees and rosebushes, produce genetically different seeds in their flowers. Therefore, there is no guarantee as to whether the seeds obtained from the fruit will grow into a plant that is as tasty or as beautiful as its parent plant. Due to this fact, apple trees that bear a specific type of apple - Macintosh, Granny Smith and Cortland being examples - are genetically identical. Each individual tree may look different due to the varying conditions in which it lives, but the DNA is the same for all apple trees.

After the idea of a seed bank was introduced, there have been many such banks created all over the world. Many countries and states have a small stockpile of native plants, which have agricultural and cultural significance. For example, those in Mexico hold corn and maize, while Nigerian seed banks hold cassava, and so on. There are approximately 1,400 seed banks in the world, and the newly opened "doomsday vault" will act as a backup to all of them, holding approximately 4.5 million crop seeds gathered from countries around the world.

This ultimate seed bank is needed due to the fact that these scattered seed banks are unstable and prone to destruction as the world around them shifts. For example, a seed bank in Iraq was looted and destroyed, not for the seeds, but for the plastic containers that held them. Another in Afghanistan was destroyed by war as well. However, humans are not the only cause of destruction. A typhoon flooded a seed bank in the Philippines, ruining many of the seeds held there. The 2004 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai from Kenya has said on Boston.com, "It is very important for Africa to store seeds here because anything can happen to our national seed banks."

Now, there is a safe hold for seeds in Norway that will help prevent the food shortage that could result due to a natural or manmade disaster. A Rome-based research group, Biodiversity International, along with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, formed the group that constructed the seed vault. Already, there are seeds sitting in their small silvery packets on the blue and orange shelves, waiting for their moment to shine. As cold as Svalbard is, there are industrial air conditioners working around the clock to lower the temperature further, to -0.4 degrees, a temperature at which many scientists estimate that most seeds can last for 1,000 years or more.

The hope is that the seeds in Svalbard will not be disturbed. The vault is built to withstand everything from an earthquake to a full-scale nuclear strike. It is dug into the permafrost of the mountain in which it is built, with security equivalent to that that would be used to guard a missile silo. No one person has all of the codes for entrance, while a digital monitoring system ensures that the temperature stays constant.

At the same time, other countries are allowed full access to the vault in order to deposit their own seeds or shoots. There is no fee, and the seeds can be withdrawn at any time. European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso commented, "This is a frozen Garden of Eden," a place where life can be reborn and plants revived for centuries to come.

Rates Debate is Still Controversial

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some time periods on Friday and Saturday nights, due to the fact that some people are downloading music for parties. Although some of these downloads are legal and royalties are paid, others are not authorized. Only a few cases of illegal downloading are discovered each year. Some in the music industry warned that the measures taken by the government might not be enough to stem the losses suffered by the rise of illegal file-sharing a decade ago. So if this does not significantly change the current situation of illegal downloading, what would be the solution?

There seems to be no evidence that a board of judges, responding to complex arguments from all sides, is particularly good at setting the most economically efficient rates for these standard royalties. Another solution is offered by some professionals; they argue that setting the royalty rates as a percentage of the revenue would give the market more time to settle on prices. This theory has not been tried yet, but it could certainly maximize the power of the market, through what economists call "the Invisible Hand."

The internet radio industry is also affected by the royalty rates set by the government. Last year, the rate paid to the performers (not the publishers) was so high that many Webcasters said that their business was not viable. Congress recently passed a bill that will enable Internet radio broadcasters to renegotiate the royalty rate that the board set last year. Negotiation between different parties on royalty rates is important for balancing the benefits received from consumers.

The debate over whether the royalty rates should be set by the government, or through negotiation is still controversial. The government is trying to act, but it seems that only a minor change has been achieved by the current regulations, while the rate of illegal downloading is increasing. There is likely still a long way to go before a better solution will be offered to solve the problem of illegal downloading.

Did You Know That?
Wacky Facts: All About Zzz...

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

• The record for the longest period without sleep is 18 days, 21 hours, 40 minutes during a rocking chair marathon. The record holder reported hallucinations, paranoia, blurred vision, slurred speech and memory and concentration lapses. Beat that.

• It's impossible to tell if someone is really awake without medical supervision. People can take cat naps with their eyes open without even being aware of it.

• Anything less than five minutes to fall asleep at night means you're sleep deprived. The ideal is between ten and 15 minutes, meaning you're still tired enough to sleep deeply, but not so exhausted you feel sleepy by day.

• A new baby typically results in 400-750 hours lost sleep for parents in the first year.

• No-one knows for sure if other species dream, but some have sleep cycles similar to humans.

• The brain recordings that led to the discovery of REM (rapid eye-movement) sleep were not done until 1953, partly because the scientists involved were concerned about wasting paper.

• Certain types of eye movements during REM sleep correspond to specific movements in dreams, suggesting at least part of the dreaming process is analagous to watching a film.

• As a group, 18 to 24 year-olds deprived of sleep suffer more from impaired performance than older adults.

• Some studies suggest women need up to an hour's extra sleep a night compared to men, and not getting it may be one reason women are much more susceptible to depression than men.

• Elephants sleep standing up during non-REM sleep, but lie down for REM sleep.

• Seventeen hours of sustained wakefulness leads to a decrease in performance equivalent to a blood alcohol-level of 0.05 percent.

• The "natural alarm clock" which enables some people to wake up more or less when they want to is caused by a burst of the stress hormone adrenocorticotropin. Researchers say this reflects an unconscious anticipation of the stress of waking up. Yikes.

• Scientists have not been able to explain a 1998 study showing a bright light shone on the backs of human knees can reset the brain's sleep-wake clock.

• Teenagers need as much sleep as small children (about ten hours) while those over 65 need the least of all (about six hours). For the average adult aged 25-55, eight hours is considered optimal

• Feeling tired can feel normal after a short time. Those deliberately deprived of sleep for research initially noticed greatly the effects on their alertness, mood and physical performance, but the awareness dropped off after the first few days. So that's why I feel okay...

Field Hockey Team Pushes Across Two Straight Wins

Carly Andrascik '11 Scores Team Leading Fourth Goal in 3-1 Victory Over St. Lawrence

by Kate Greenough'09
Sports Writer

After bringing home two wins in the past two weeks, the field hockey team is looking forward to continued success in the second half of their regular season.

Coach Gillian McDonald attributes the recent victories to team cohesion and support: "I think we are finally starting to come together. We are so young and have asked a lot of the first-years to step into some pretty key roles. Now that they have some games under their belt and have adjusted to the speed of the college game, we have started to play better as a team."

The past victories were no flukes, McDonald adds, "Everyone has been working really hard at practice which has helped every single player elevate her game."

On October 4, the Continentals travelled to Canton, NY to take on the St. Lawrence University Saints, who entered the competition with a winning 5-3 overall record and no losses in the Liberty League.

Although the Saints took a 1-0 lead with just over ten minutes remaining in the first half, Mary Lancaster '12 answered with an unassisted goal to even out the score.Building on Lancaster's momentum, the Continentals stepped up defensively and scored three additional goals to seal their victory with a final score of 3-1. Amy Allen '10 and Carly Andrascik '11 scored the two goals in the second half, both off assists from midfielder Erin McNally '12.

After notching her fourth assist, placing her fourth in the Liberty League with 0.57 assists per game, McNally was named Liberty League Rookie of the Week. Courtney DeMaria '10, a defensive back, was named Defensive Player of the Week after controlling the backfield with tri-captain Olivia Gambir '09.

McNally has been an energetic and driving force behind the Continentals' offensive strategy, and although 2008 marks her first season of collegiate play, she has stepped up to the obstacles in her transition.

"One challenge I have faced so far is being able to match the skill and intensity of some of the teams in our league. I have played for a variety of teams in various locations, which has prepared me for collegiate play, but you always have to adapt and you are always learning and improving," McNally says.

With hard work at practices, strong senior leadership, and support from skilled underclassmen, the continentals are preparing to face the Rensselaer Red Hawks, currently ranked seventeenth in last week's STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Top 20 Poll. To prepare for the team's challenging season, Coach McDonald has been focusing on individual defense, something she plans to stress this week as the team gears up for Rensselaer.

"We will also watch film on them and study what they are trying to do and then try to take it away from them. Rensselaer plays great defense, so we will practice picking up our intensity in the offensive circle," Coach McDonald says.

In addition to technical practice, McNally cites a headstrong mentality as essential to future victories, "it's just a matter of getting out on the field and capitalizing on our opportunities and playing with a positive mentality. We know RPI is nationally ranked but so was St. Lawrence. We went into that game and played at a high level, and came out with a win. We just have to take each game as it comes and learn from our mistakes and successes."

Rensselaer's reputed defense is led by sensational freshman goalkeeper Briana Earle, who has snapped up the Liberty League Rookie of the Week award twice, solidifying the Red Hawks' reputation as a defensive powerhouse. A strategic and fast-paced offense will be needed to penetrate the Red Hawk's tight net protection.

Carly Andrascik speculates that the Continentals' streamlined offense will be the ticket to post-season competition. "Our passes have gotten cleaner, we're getting faster and gaining that advantage of a fast-paced game," she notes. Rensselaer should be a rigorous test of the continentals' offensive aptitude, and the game will be close.

Come support the field hockey team as they host Rensselaer today at 4 p.m. on the turf field.

The Career Center

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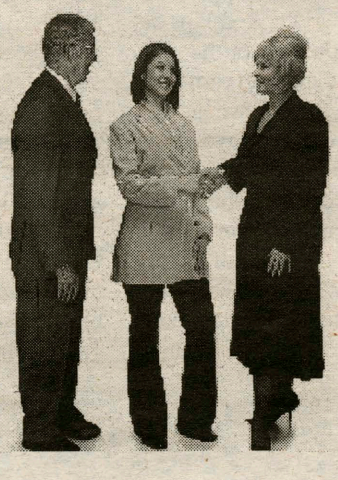
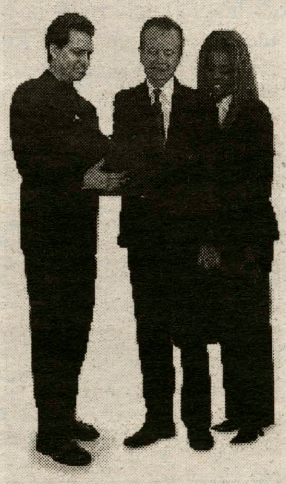
Amy's father's friend works for a local brokerage firm. She forwarded her resume to him and he invited her to meet their recruiting executive over Fall Break.



John attended an Alumni presentation during Fallcoming weekend and was invited to to an informational interview over Fall Break.



Jennifer planned a trip to Boston during Fall Break to visit her cousin who works in advertising. She introduced her to one of her clients who was looking for an intern for the summer.

Networking is the process of developing personal contacts for the purpose of career exploration or job/internship assistance. As seen in the examples above, networking typically takes one of two forms - spontaneous or structured – and has the potential to meet different needs. Networking can be done spontaneously by looking for opportunities to talk informally with others about your career interests. Good times for doing this might include: Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks; holiday parties, travel, visiting friends and relatives, family reunions, etc. An effective way to do this is to develop a two-to-three sentence synopsis of what you think you want to do career-wise and what information you need to move forward with your decision or plan.

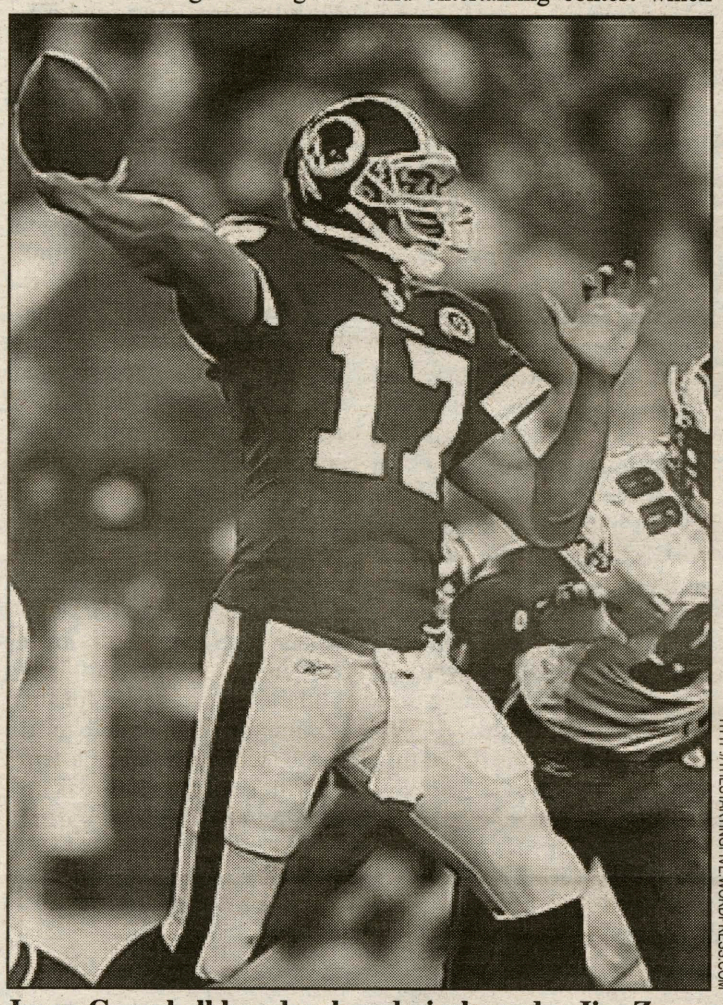
Take a look at our Networking Guide at http://www.hamilton.edu/college/career/Guides/Networking.pdf or contact us at x4346 to set up an appointment to learn more.

A Glance at the NFL's Cowboys - Redskins Rivalry

by Daniel Hagemeier '12
Sports Writer

As our series about the greatest NFL rivalries of all times continues, we now want to take a closer look at the ongoing feud between the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins. The teams met two weeks ago in a regular season match with Washington pulling out a victory by only a two-point margin. It was the Redskins' third straight win of the season. Jason Campbell played flawlessly, completing 65 percent of his passes and throwing two TDs. Clinton Portis rushed for 121 yards, and WR Santana Moss had his third consecutive 100-yard game. During the game, the Redskins relied heavily on their kicker Shaun Suisham who scored four field goals and converted both extra points. On the other side, Marion Barber was held to only 26 yards rushing and Jason Witten led all Dallas receivers with seven receptions for 90 yards and a TD. Tony Romo recorded 47 pass attempts and threw 3 TDs with one interception. He tied Troy Aikman's club record of thirteen 300-yard games.

The game was an intensive and entertaining contest which fitted right into the long history of hard-fought games between the Dallas Cowboys and the Washington Redskins. The rivalry between both teams actually started even before the Dallas Cowboys were founded in 1960. In fact, Cowboys founder Clint Murchison was close to buying the Redskins in 1958 and moving them to Dallas. But Redskin's owner George Preston Marshall drew back his offer just before the deal could be finalized.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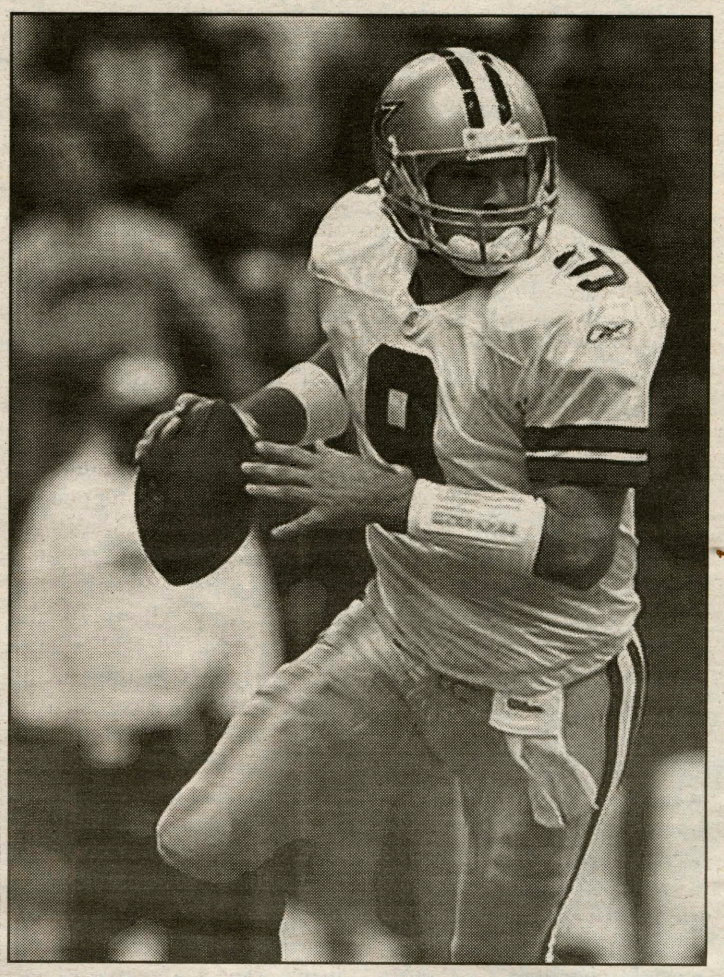
Jason Campbell has developed nicely under Jim Zorn.

Looking for revenge, Murchison then bought the rights to the Redskins fight song. But when he put the proposition of a Dallas franchise before the NFL owners, Marshall vetoed his idea. In the end, both parties decided that Marshall would approve of Murchison's franchise if the later returned the rights of the song. The deal was struck and a new rivalry was born.

The most famous stories of the first few games between both teams in the early Sixties revolve around the Cowboy Chicken Club. Dallas Cowboys fans tried to smuggle live chickens into the Redskins' stadium and set them free on the field. Soon, however, the action started to take place on, rather than off, the field. From 1965 through 1967, the Redskins and Cowboys met four times, each team winning two of the contests, combining for a total of 222 scored points with an overall point difference of only 10 points between both teams. When the decade came to an end, the Redskins started losing more often to the Cowboys, even with Hall of Famer Vince Lombardi on the sideline. Still, the Redskins and Cowboys both developed quickly into two of the NFL's best teams, and their matches were usually awaited with much anticipation and excitement.

The rivalry reached its peak in the 1970s when George Allen was head coach in Washington. George Allen hated the Cowboys. In fact, his ongoing conflict with them, which started when he was head coach of the Los Angeles Rams, earned him the No.4 spot on NFL.com's list of the Top 10 Feuds of all time. He taught his team to play especially hard against "America's team" and he was obsessed with the idea of winning every game against Dallas. And it paid off. During the 1972 season, Washington clinched the NFC East title and went on to Super Bowl VII where they eventually lost to the Miami Dolphins. In the NFC championship game, the Redskins shut out the Cowboys 21-3. Washington dominated Dallas for the next couple of games until a rookie named Clint Longley, who replaced Dallas starting QB Roger Staubach in the third quarter in a game against the Redskins, rallied his team to an impressive comeback from a 16-3 Redskins lead to a 24-23 Cowboys win. According to Allen, "it was probably the toughest loss [the Redskins] ever had."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Tony Romo aims to recapture the Cowboys' glory days.

However, the greatest win of Redskins' history and arguably the best game in the long rivalry between both teams happened in January 1983 as the Redskins defeated the Cowboys in the NFC championship game to earn a trip to Super Bowl XVII where they beat the Miami Dolphins for their first Super Bowl championship. The NFC Championship game is best remembered for Dexter Manley's violent sack of Dallas' QB Danny White and for Daryl Grant's interception, which decided the game. Other notable games of the rivalry are the Redskins' win over the Cowboys during the 1987 NFL players strike, the Cowboys' two wins in 1988 and 1989 (Dallas was 2-12 and 1-13 during that time) which prevented Washington from entering the playoffs both times, and the "Hand of God Game" when a 47-yard field goal attempt of kicker Nick Novak first sailed wide right to eventually take a sharp turn left (apparently guided by the hand of God) and go through the uprights to ensure a Redskins win in overtime.

The Cowboys-Redskins rivalry arguably belongs to the best rivalries in football history if not in sports in general. Both teams have won a combined 31 division titles and ten World Championships, including eight Super Bowls. The Cowboys lead the overall series 56-39-2 scoring a combined 2,222 points compared to the Redskins' 1,879 points.

Men's Soccer Achieves Third Shutout of Season

by Daniel Hagemeier '12
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team extended its record to 5-3-0 for the 2008 season after losing two Liberty League duels against St. Lawrence University and Hobart College while recording its third shutout of the season in a win against Clarkson University. With six more games to go, the Continentals are still on track to finish their season with a double-digit number of wins.

On September 26, the Continentals lost their Liberty League opener 1-3 to visiting St. Lawrence University. It was their second straight loss of the season, after having started 4-0. The teams were tied at 1-1 at half time, but the St. Lawrence University Saints played better during the second half and scored two more goals.

The game started poorly for the Continentals who fell behind 0-1 just 24 seconds into the contest. However, Head Coach Perry Nizzi's team answered promptly with a goal by forward Jesse Arroyave '11 in the fourteenth minute. It was Arroyave's third goal this season. The game remained tied until the sixty-eighth minute when St. Lawrence went ahead 2-1. Twelve minutes later, St. Lawrence added another goal to win the game 3-1. The Continentals were 3-1-2 in the previous six matches against St. Lawrence.

The very next day, Hamilton won their third home game of the season, beating Clarkson University. Keeper Anthony Carello '09 recorded his tenth career shutout in this 2-0 Liberty League victory on Love Field. The game was tied at half time even though the Continentals held an 8-2 advantage in shots.

However, the spell was broken when freshman Frank Campagnano '12 scored his second goal of the season after 68 minutes to give his team a 1-0 lead. When Clarkson started to press for a goal, Paul Moakler '10 managed to break free with the ball in the eighty-eighth minute. After an initial save by Clarkson's keeper, Moakler passed the ball into the penalty area where Arroyave took advantage of the opportunity to score his fourth goal of the season. In the past ten meetings with Clarkson University, the Hamilton College Continentals have recorded eight wins. They lead the all-time series 25-20-6.

However, the Continentals could not start another winning streak, losing 0-1 to nationally ranked No. 6 Hobart College this past Saturday, October 4. Hobart scored the only goal of the game just seven minutes into the first half. Carello made five saves, but Hobart held a 22-16 advantage in shots.

Team captain Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09 returned to the starting lineup after missing five straight games due to injury. The best chance to tie the game was had by freshman Francois Martin '12 in the eigthty-third minute but his shot only hit the post of the goal.

The Continentals host Skidmore College in another Liberty League duel this Friday, hoping to improve their in-league record to 2-2.

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SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND!

First Place Standings
(as of 10/5/08)

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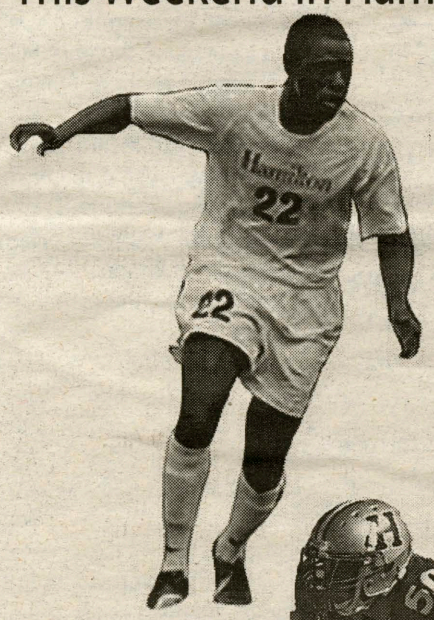

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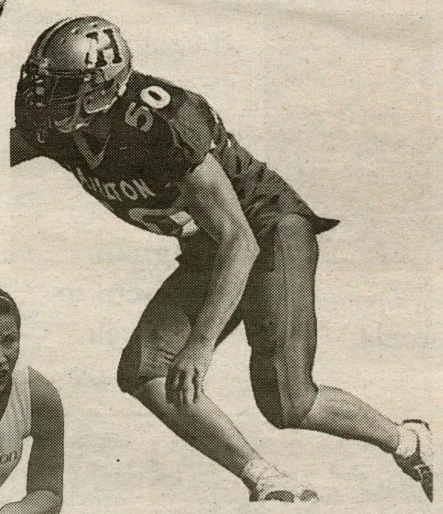
Oct. 11, 2 p.m.- Union



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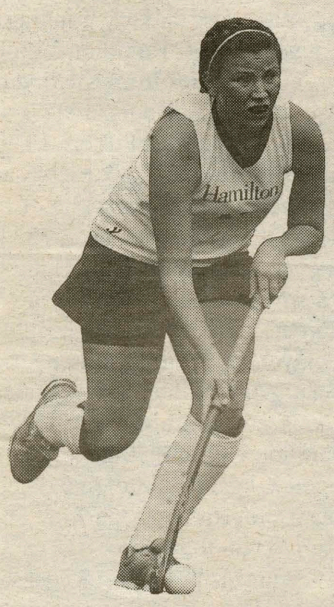

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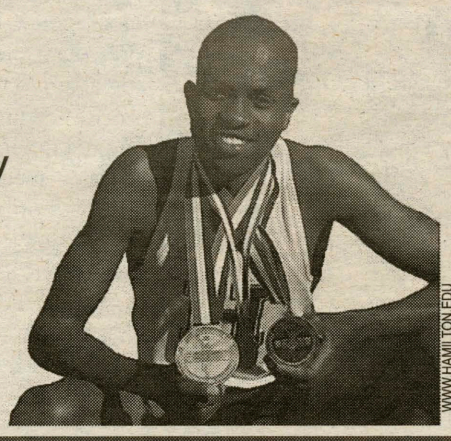

Cross-Country
Hamilton Invitational
Oct. 11, 11 a.m.- Women
Oct. 11, 12 p.m.- Men

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Golf Secures NESCAC Berth

Jeff Corbett '09 Leads Hamilton With Second Place Finish

by Andrew Harris '12
Sports Writer

The recent cooler temperatures of fall are a sign that the Hamilton Men's Golf team's season is drawing to a close. Coming off a fifth place finish at the Williams Fall Invitational, the Continentals were looking to qualify for the NESCAC Championships by placing in the top four at the NESCAC Qualifier.

Held at Middlebury's Ralph Myhre Golf Course, the NESCAC Championship Qualifier featured the ten teams of the NESCAC, each looking for the chance to advance in their quest to qualify for the NCAA DIII Championships in the Spring. After day one, Hamilton found itself in third place, eight strokes behind host Middlebury.

Jeff Corbett '09 played outstandingly, carding a 70, while Brad Roche '11 fired a 73. Corbett's 70 tied him for the low round of the day. Kevin Osborne '09 and L.J. Scurfield '12 rounded out the squad's score with 78 and 79, respectively.

On day two, it was much of the same for the Continentals. Corbett continued his hot play with a 72, leaving him at an even par 142 for both rounds, good enough for second place overall. Scurfield improved on his day one score with a 77, while Roche and Scott Blosser '12 followed with 78 and 79.

Hamilton's two-day total of 606 left it in third place, 13 strokes behind champion Middlebury. Because of the Panthers' victory, Middlebury will host the NESCAC Championships in the Spring, with the winner of that tournament representing the NESCAC in Florida at the DIII Championships.

For their strong play at the NESCAC Qualifier, Corbett and Roche were rewarded with spots on the NESCAC All-Conference Team. Corbett was named to the first team, his third nomination overall, but his first on the top team. Roche, last year's Freshman of the Year, was named to the second-team for his performance.

Only a few days after their tournament at Middlebury, the Continentals hosted SUNY Delhi in a dual meet. Delhi picked up the team victory, but Hamilton ended with higher individual scores. Corbett and Osborne finished first and second with scores of 74 and 75, while Scurfield chipped in with a 76. Phil Preiss '10 and Will Kresock '11 rounded out the team's score with 79s.

This past weekend, Hamilton hosted its Hamilton Fall Invitational at Yahnundasis and Skenendoa Golf Clubs. The team struggled on day one, posting a score of 328. Roche was the low scorer with a 77, and Osborne finished with a 78.

Day two, however, was a different story. Hamilton improved its score by 23 strokes, led by Corbett's 70, a 17 stroke difference from the day before. Roche also improved with a 76, while Osborne remained consistent with another 78. Hamilton finished eighth in the tournament, which was won by Skidmore.

Hamilton finishes its fall season at the Manhattanville/NYU Fall Classic, which is being held at Hudson Hills Golf Club in Ossining, NY. This will be the last chance for the Continentals to compete until March, when they take a trip south during spring break to prepare for the short spring season.

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Men's &Women's Rugby Remain Undefeated

The Hamilton College Men's Rugby Football Club team has improved their record to 5 -0, outscoring their opponents 213 -18.

by Erin Hoener '10 *MANAGING EDITOR*

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Seniors Jarred Hassell, Ashbel Wall and Steve Rowe set up the ruck as the rest of the Exiles prepare to make a drive towards Siena's try zone.

On Sept. 20, the Exiles hosted league opponent Siena College. Although Siena's squad was on the larger side, Hamilton's skill and fitness proved superior, leading them to a 46-5 victory.

On Sept. 27, the Exiles traveled to Colgate for arguably the biggest game of their regular season. Perennially, Colgate has proven to be a strong contender in Division II and won the League Championship in 2007.

The gloomy day began with cold temperatures and intermittent rain. the game did not get off to a particularly good start, either. HCMRFC President Deacon Lile '09 attributed Hamilton's "sloppy start" to the team's emotional intensity and knowledge of the game's implications for the rest of the season. Fortunately, as Lile explained, "After the first 20 minutes, we settled in, started playing smart rugby and dominated Colgate in all aspects of the game."

" Colgate matches are always hard-fought and physical; this year was certainly no exception. Beating Colgate is always one of the highlights of any season and to beat them by such a large margin on their home field is really awesome." - Lile '09

Lile was quick to praise the team's back three - Nico Kernan '10, Brendan Campbell '09 and Lars Margolis '09 - for preventing Colgate from taking an early lead. Lile went on to praise Kernan, saying , "Nico's physical play was an instrumental part of the stellar backline defense that kept Colgate off of the board." This marked former B-side captain Kernan's first A-side start of the season.

The Exiles went on to defeat Colgate 28-0 and establish themselves as No. 1 in the NYS East Divsion.

Over Fallcoming Weekend, the Exiles took on Le Moyne College at home on Minor Field. Le Moyne started strong, scoring a penalty kick just a few minutes into the game. The Exiles, catalyzed by a try from Jeremy Safran '11, quickly took back control and maintained this control due to tactical kicking by Margolis and Rob Bryant '11. Jack Dunn '10 was also vital in the 53-3 victory, as he had a hand in three of the game's tries.

Hamilton's B-side team has enjoyed a new level of success this season. Fall 2008 marks the first season in Exlies history that the B-side has maintained its own schedule of games. The B-siders, led by captain Zach Stein '11, have also remained undefeated this year .

In the coming weeks, Hamilton will travel to face league opponents Union and RPI. If they win, the Exiles will then move on to compete at the regional and NY State levels.

PHOTO BY PAUL RYAN '02

Captain Stephanie Ryder '09 takes down her opponent on the way to a 29-0 victory over SUNY-Oneonta.

" What Hamilton lacks in size we make up for in speed. While playing Siena, we could hear players on the other team yelling at each other, in shock that they were letting little Leeann Brigham beat them to every ruck." - Ryder '09

The Hamilton College Women's Rugby Football Club team has improved their record to 4-0, outscoring their opponents 124 -22.

Fallcoming Weekend provided the perfect backdrop for the continued success of the HCWRFC. The Ruggers defeated SUNY-Oneonta on Minor Field, shutting them out with a score of 29-0. Hillary Keating '10 contributed two tries, while sisters Stephanie Ryder '09 (co-captain) and Lesley Ryder '11 each contributed one. In addition, Morgan Williams '11 scored the first try of her collegiate career.

Hamilton's dominant play in the first half allowed the newer members of the team to hit the field and show their skills. The elder Ryder praised the new players, saying, "They all adjusted to the game seamlessly and Jocelyn [Bos-Fiser '10, co-captain] and I are both very proud of them." The win proved to be particularly sweet for Hamilton's defense as they are the only team in the league to hold Oneonta scoreless.

On Sept. 27, the team traveled to Schenectady, N.Y. to take on Union. The game turned out to be well worth the drive as Hamilton defeated Union 34-0.

On Sept. 20, the team hosted their biggest rival, Siena College. Hamilton's Women's Rugby team has had a rough history against Siena, losing to them in the 2005 N.Y. State Championship and the quarterfinals of the 2007 N.Y. State Championship.

Hamilton and Siena both came to the pitch ready to play and provided quite the show for the many fans on Minor Field.

Siena took control of the game early, scoring the first try, but missed the kick, bringing the game to 5-0. Hamilton responded with tries from Keating and Natalie De Boursac '11 and a kick from Kate Fillion '10, giving Hamilton the lead, 12-5. Siena came back with a try and successful kick of their own, tying the game back up at 12.

Late in the second half, Hamilton made a strong push toward Siena's try zone. Ryder ['09] battled through multiple Siena players to score Hamilton's final try of the game. Fillion also connected on the kick, securing a strong 19-12 lead for Hamilton with little time left on the clock. Once again, Hamilton's defense prevailed, preventing Siena from scoring again to win the game.

Reflecting on the victory, Ryder said, "Knocking them out of first place in our division means the world to the team, especially to our seniors. I, for one, am still in shock over the win. I have never been so proud of our team."

The HCWRFC hope to continue their success at home against RPI on Saturday, Oct. 11. If they win, they will maintain their No. 1 seed in the NYS East and host the first game of playoffs.

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The 'Backies' of the Hamilton College Women's Rugby Football Club prepare to move the ball down the field after receiving an Oneonta kick.